

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Chessington

Governor Vacancy (Volunteer)

We currently have vacancies on our governing body, and invite individuals who are interested in becoming a governor to contact us to discuss further the duties and obligations of this rewarding and necessary role.

In particular, there are skills gaps within the existing governors that include expertise in Finance, Legal, IT and Public Relations. There is the opportunity for applicants to take on a more prominent role on the governing body such as chairing one of its sub-Committees, and in due course potential future vacancies for the positions of Chair or Vice Chair of governors.

St Mary's is a one-form entry church primary school situated in the heart of the community, established 150 years ago, and currently has around 170 children on the roll. The most recent OFSTED Inspection in September 2022 gave an overall judgement of 'Good', with an earlier SIAMS inspection (for Anglican and Methodist schools) of January 2020 making its overall judgement of 'Requires Improvement'. We have a highly dedicated and committed staff to ensure the success of each of our pupils. They work closely together as a team with our Headteacher and are extremely loyal and incredibly motivated, always putting the children first and bringing a wide range of skills and experience.

As a church school, our governors and staff also understand the importance of developing our distinctive Christian vision, which includes working closely, and enjoying regular collective worship, with the clergy.

We are seeking individuals who will be committed to working in close partnership with the Headteacher and staff, and able to relate closely with the whole school community, to ensure the success, safety and well-being of all our pupils. The governing body meets on four occasions each year (normally evening meetings of no more than 2 hours), and governors are also encouraged to join at least one of three Committees, which also meet termly. In addition, there are governor visits into school which are led by governors.

Appointments are made for a term of four years, and are subject to the necessary DBS checks, and require the formal approval of St Mary's Parochial Church Council and the Diocese of Guildford.

Further information about our school can be found at:
<https://www.stmaryschessington.co.uk>

If you are interested in becoming a governor, or even to learn more about what being a governor requires, please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Jack Foster, at jfoster53.314@lgflmail.org