

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Chessington

Governor Vacancy (Volunteer)

We will have governor vacancies arising at the end of the 2021-22 academic year, and 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.

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

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 180 children on the roll.

The most recent OFSTED Inspection in February 2019 gave an overall judgement of 'Requires Improvement', with the SIAMS inspection (for Anglican and Methodist schools) of January 2020 also receiving an overall judgement of RI. The next OFSTED visit is imminent.

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.

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

Expressions of interest

We would be very pleased to receive expressions of interest for join the governing body, which should include a brief CV together with a completed Skills Questionnaire (see attached as separate document). These should be sent to the Chair of Governors, Mr Jack Foster to jfoster53.314@lgflmail.org We hope to be in a position to reach a shortlist by mid-July 2022 and then to invite applicants to visit the school and to discuss the governor role with the Headteacher and other governors, prior to making a decision on appointments.