

# Sowerby Community Primary School

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Dear parents,

I am writing because we are seeking a new parent governor to join the team at Sowerby School. We are a team of 13 people, who work together to support and improve the school.

The government and OFSTED are increasing their expectations of schools and with this, come higher expectations of governing bodies. Governing bodies will be required to have a strong focus on the following core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The time commitment is approximately one meeting per month (we usually meet on Monday evenings at school) and one visit into school each term, with some reading in between.

You don't need to understand or work in education - every governor brings different skills and perspectives from their own background which is invaluable. County provides training and we support you as you find your feet. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved and make a difference.

We will be opening nominations from candidates on 15<sup>th</sup> October and closing them on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. If more than 1 candidate is nominated, then it will be necessary to hold elections to determine which of the nominees should be selected.

A governing body who is involved and focused on the strategic direction of the school can make a real difference to the education of our children - something to be proud of! If you would like more information or a chat about the role, please contact me via the school office or speak to Keeley Ungerechts.

Many thanks

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Sally Valentine  
Chair of Governing Body