



# Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Carrington Junior School needs another parent governor. Could it be you?**

You are invited to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. If you think, 'that would be interesting, but I'm not sure I know enough or have enough time', please arrange an informal chat with either Anne Sheddick, Chair of Governors, or myself at school by emailing [office@carringtonjs.co.uk](mailto:office@carringtonjs.co.uk). You could be exactly the person we are looking for. Governors come from a range of backgrounds and this brings a useful bank of experience to any governing board.

The governing board, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing boards have four core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher 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;
- Ensuring that the voices of the parents and community are heard.

Please find attached a document entitled 'Why volunteer to be a school governor at Carrington Junior School?' which can also be found on the 'Why become a school governor?' page on our school website [https://www.carringtonjs.co.uk/web/become\\_a\\_carrington\\_governor/176626](https://www.carringtonjs.co.uk/web/become_a_carrington_governor/176626). This gives you more information about the role and how we work together as a governing board at Carrington. No special qualifications are required but the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing board's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills and background: Finance, Law, Property Management and Education. All governors receive support and undertake training and development as part of our ongoing improvement programme. It is expected that those new to being a governor at the school attend free induction training.

I am also attaching a sheet summarising the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the school no later than midday, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Self-nominations will be accepted but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Cameron  
Returning Officer