



**HYTHE BAY**  
Church of England  
Primary School and  
Children's Centre

### **How do I become a School Governor?**

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk for more information (contact details below). When there's a **vacancy** for a **parent governor** all parents will be informed and you will have a chance to stand for **election**.

### **Who can be a School Governor**

Anyone over 18 can be a school governor – you don't have to be a parent with a child at the school. However, every governing body includes **parent governors**, and it can be a rewarding way to be involved in your child's school.

### **What does the role involve?**

You will need to attend three Full Governing Body meetings per year. You will also be expected to join a sub-committee – these cover different areas e.g. curriculum, finance or children's centre - which again meet three times a year. You'll need to be able work well in a team, as you will be making joint decisions on policy. In addition there will be a couple of visits to school as part of a smaller team to focus on key priorities to see how the school is addressing issues identified for development.

The expectation of individual governors is that they will:

- Enhance the work of the governing body to enable a strong focus on raising standards, so that every child achieves their potential.
- Demonstrate their commitment by getting to know the school and becoming involved in school life and activities.
- Take personal responsibility for their ongoing training and development.
- Prepare for meetings so they are well informed, having at a minimum read all of the papers sent out with the agenda.
- Attend meetings (governing body/committees/working group) and play an active part.
- Support the school with parents and in the community.
- Recognise the corporate status of the governing body and the concept of collective responsibility.
- Respect confidentiality and the need to act with circumspection.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sam Brown (Clerk) [sbrown@hythebay.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sbrown@hythebay.kent.sch.uk) tel: 01303 267802