

# Become a parent governor at Crigglestone St James



We are looking for a parent/carer to join our Governing Body. School governors play a key role in raising school standards and monitoring performance. They hold senior leadership to account and make important decisions covering issues such as policy making, site management, the school's budget and the curriculum. Governors support the school in a variety of ways in addition to attending governing body meetings. It is a very important and worthwhile job! Any parent/carer can become a governor. The requirements are that you are a parent/have parental responsibility for a child, and that you have the time and commitment, enthusiasm and desire to make a difference.

Being a governor is an enormously challenging and rewarding opportunity. The personal benefits can be summarised as:

- A sense of satisfaction through knowing children will benefit from your efforts.
- The opportunity to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones.
- The opportunity to work with people from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds.
- The opportunity to gain awareness of the education system as a whole.

The Governing Body has undertaken a skills audit and has established that it would be desirable for a new governor to possess skills/experience relating to the following areas: HR, legal, governance, finance, and safeguarding. Please be aware however, that it is not essential that you have skills in this area in order to become a parent governor.

Training and support is available for new and existing governors and is free of charge. There would be an expectation for governors to attend training to develop their skills to support the work of the Governing Body.

School Governors serve for a four year term of office. However, should your circumstances change, as a volunteer, you can resign at any time.

**Find out more about school governors at [www.becomeagovernor.com](http://www.becomeagovernor.com)**

**Interested? Contact our main office for details and a nomination form. The closing date for this round of nominations is Friday 2nd October at 3:30pm. Where possible, email your application into school. You can always bring in a paper copy if you can't send it via email.**

