



# St John's Meads Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that Sarah Caffyn, one of our parent governors will be resigning at the end of Term 1. Sarah has worked in a number of different roles over the past 2 years, including being the Safeguarding Governor, and Science link governor. We are very grateful for the time and expertise that she has brought to her role.

There will therefore, be a vacancy for a new parent governor next term. I am attaching a pamphlet about the work of the Board of Governors in Maintained Schools, which has been written for parents. It explains more about what governors do, and how we organise our roles at St John's Meads. The nomination form and details about the election will be sent out in due course.

Being a governor is a very worthwhile and rewarding role. The principles and personal attributes that individuals bring to the board are as important as their skills and knowledge. These qualities enable board members to use their skills and knowledge to function well as part of a team and make an active contribution to effective governance. Please look at the following list that the DfE has identified as essential qualities for all those involved in governance.

<b>Committed</b>	Devoting the required time and energy to the role and ambitious to achieve best possible outcomes for young people. Prepared to give time, skills and knowledge to developing themselves and others in order to create highly effective governance.	
<b>Confident</b>	Of an independent mind, able to lead and contribute to courageous conversations, to express their opinion and to play an active role on the board.	
<b>Curious</b>	Possessing an enquiring mind and an analytical approach and understanding the value of meaningful questioning.	
<b>Challenging</b>	Providing appropriate challenge to the status quo, not taking information or data at face value and always driving for improvement.	
<b>Collaborative</b>	Prepared to listen to and work in partnership with others and understanding the importance of building strong working relationships within the board and with executive leaders, staff, parents and carers, pupils/students, the local community and employers.	
<b>Critical</b>	Understanding the value of critical friendship, which enables both challenge and support, and self-reflective, pursuing learning and development opportunities to improve their own and whole board effectiveness.	
<b>Creative</b>	Able to challenge conventional wisdom and be open-minded about new approaches to problem-solving; recognising the value of innovation and creative thinking to organisational development and success.	

If you've 'ticked' all the boxes' and want to find out more about governance at St John's Meads, please email me, [linda.caroe@meads.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:linda.caroe@meads.e-sussex.sch.uk) to arrange an informal meeting before the end of October. Thank you

Kind regards,

Linda Caroe - Chair of Governors