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## Being a Parent Governor:

As a parent governor you would have the

opportunity to contribute to the overall management of the school.

Working with a team of other governors, you would help to ensure that the school is doing all it can to

provide the best possible education for all children-

both in terms of the direct teaching and learning but also by ensuring a good provision of resources, activities, opportunities and a positive, safe, learning environment.

## The Role:

The Governing Body meets once each half term. In addition, all governors sit on at least one of the committees which usually hold meetings shortly before the full governing body meetings.

As part of their monitoring function, it is hoped that all governors will also be involved in visits to the school.

It is also hoped that governors will use those skills which they bring to the role to assist in moving the school forward.

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## The Role of a Governor:

The main role of the Governing Body and all governors is to:

- set the vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
  - challenge teaching and learning
- oversee the school finances and premise management

## Personal Attributes

- a strong commitment and enthusiasm for the role and to improving outcomes for all children
- the inquisitiveness to question and analyse
  - the willingness to learn



## Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor?

If you are, please contact our school to register an interest. You can also send us an email with your name and number and we will get back to you.

[info@swanwick.derbyshire.sc.uk](mailto:info@swanwick.derbyshire.sc.uk)

[01773 602268](tel:01773602268)

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. They have an important role to play in raising school standards. (*National Governors Association*)

## What else do school governors do?:

- be a critical friend to the school, offering support and advice
- make the school accountable to the public for what it does
- help the school respond to the needs of parents and the community
- help the school to set high standards by planning for the school's future and setting targets for school improvement
- work with the school on planning, developing policies and keeping the school under review



## The Application Process:

Any parent interested in applying to fill one of the parent governor vacancies should contact the Chair of Governors by [info@swanwick.derbyshire.sc.uk](mailto:info@swanwick.derbyshire.sc.uk).

If we have current vacancies for Parent Governors, you can apply for one of these positions and if there are more applicants than vacancies, an election will take place on a date specified.

This will be conducted via secret ballot.

Each parent with at least one child at the school shall be eligible to vote. Proxy voting will not be allowed.

We also may have vacancies for co-opted governors, which do not need to go through an election process. We will be able to let you know which vacancies are available at the time when you get in touch.

## Eligibility:

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. They must have a child on the register of the school.

The term 'parent' is used to include:

- natural or adoptive parents
- a person who has or has held parental responsibility for, or cares for, or has cared for a child or young person
- a person the child lives with and who looks after the child regardless of what their relationship is with the child, e.g. step-father, grandparents and foster parents.

No parent or carer engaged in paid employment at the school for more than 50 hours in any consecutive 12 month period can stand for election as a parent governor of that school, nor can an elected member of the Local Authority

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