



DANE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR

CLIC CO-OPERATIVE TRUST

Time Commitment

Becoming a Governor requires a commitment of time to allow you to fulfil the following expectations:

1. Attendance at Local Governing Body Meetings once every half term. The meetings take place in the early evening [Usually 4:30pm] and last approximately two hours. They are currently held via Zoom.
2. Some daytime weekday availability to attend one-off meetings, participate in recruitment panels and disciplinary meetings and to liaise with staff as a 'link governor' for a specific area (e.g. Safeguarding, English, Maths etc).
3. On average, a couple of hours in your own time prior to each meeting to read meeting papers which are circulated electronically to all Governors in advance of the meetings.
4. Attendance at training events to suit your needs as a Governor and the needs of the Governing Body.

What do Governors do?

Governors contribute to the development of the schools within The Trust. Their key role is to support and challenge the leadership of the school. The Executive Principal (Jo Ashcroft) and the Head Teacher (Mrs Todhunter) report to Governors on all aspects of school life.

Dane Bank Primary School became part of the CLIC Multi Academy Trust in November 2019. The school reports to and is informed by the Board of Directors of the Trust.

For more information on becoming a Governor, please see the National Governors Association website:

www.nga.org.uk

Knowledge and skills

Training and support is provided to Governors to familiarise them with the role. Parents are a valuable resource to the Governing Body, helping to bring the perspective of the parent community, although Parent Governors are not intended to be parent 'representatives'. All Governors are expected to act in the best interest of all members of the school community. We are keen to encourage parents to stand for election who can bring the following skills or areas of knowledge and interest:

- Equal Opportunities and inclusion
- Community development
- Finance/business development
- Strategic planning
- Communication/marketing



Eligibility

Any parent of a registered pupil at Dane Bank Primary School is eligible to stand if he or she is not:

- A registered pupil at the school
- Under 18 years old
- Included in the list of those unsuitable to work with children
- Disqualified from working with children
- Disqualified from registering for child minding or providing day care

Other reasons that prohibit a person from holding office as a governor are set out under the headings:

- Failure to attend meetings
- Previously been declared bankrupt
- Disqualified from being a company director
- Disqualified from being a charity trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Criminal convictions
- Refusal to make an application for a criminal records certificate (now disclosure and barring service (DBS) check