

RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP SCHOOL FEDERATION

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Our Federation Board of Governors currently has a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are a parent or carer of a child attending either Rode or Norton St Philip School with an enthusiasm for education and a little spare time we need you!

What is a Parent Governor?

A Parent Governor is a parent or carer of a pupil attending either Rode or Norton St Philip School who is elected by the parents/carers **to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions**. In addition, it would be expected that Parent Governors bring a range of skills that will help them to contribute effectively to the work of the Board of Governors.

What is the role of a Governor?

A governor: -

1. Ensures there is clarity in the vision, ethos and the strategic direction of our Federation by asking challenging questions and providing support and encouragement where needed;
2. Holds our executive Head teacher to account for the quality of teaching and learning within our Federation; and
3. Makes sure that the school spends its money effectively.

So why do people do it?

- It is a great chance to give something back to our Federation and to take an active role in shaping our future
- No single governor is expected to know everything about education as he or she is part of a team who work together to be an effective governing board. Everyone has different skills, all are equally valued.
- Governors are able to see at first hand the impact of the hard work that they put into the strategic planning of the school.

If you would like more details or you would like to chat to an existing Governor about the role please contact Sam Nicol, Clerk to the Governors. Alternatively, you are welcome to email our Chair of Governors Caroline Whitehead on cwhitehead1@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor for our Federation please complete the nomination form here and submit a brief (100-word max.) summary, giving details of your knowledge and experience in areas that can contribute to effective governance and outlining your suitability for the role. Where there is more than one candidate all parents/carers will be invited to cast a vote in a secret ballot to decide who is the **most** suitable candidate for the role. If only one nomination is received for the parent governor vacancy that nominee will be elected unopposed.

**The closing date for nominations is 12 noon on Monday 9th December.
We look forward to receiving your nominations.**