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Dear Parents/Carers

Further to the letter sent on 5th November covering the election of a new Parent Governor, I just wanted to send this supporting note to encourage as many parents/carers as possible to consider applying.

The role is probably best summarised in the link below - we are not looking necessarily for specific skills, nor do you need background/experience in the education sector.

<https://governorsforschools.org.uk/volunteers/about-the-role/>

In summary we are looking for someone who:

- can bring a different perspective;
- is prepared to invest their time in helping to oversee the day-to-day operation of the school;
- and has the passion and commitment to work alongside governors, teachers and parents/carers to shape the future direction of the school.

In terms of obvious questions:

- *Who makes up the current Board of Governors?* There is a page for Governors on the school website which profiles each of the current team and provides further information/detail around the role.

<https://holmfirthjinschool.net/governing-body/>

- *How much time/how big a commitment?* It really is down to each individual - the more the better - but equally there is an appreciation that we are all busy people. The core of the role revolves around 6 formal meetings each year which generally take place at school on a Tuesday evening from 7pm - c 9pm. These are currently delivered via zoom (and we do try and hold one of the meetings during school time including school dinner with the pupils). There is also the opportunity to be involved in various sub-committees e.g. teaching/premises which again meet once or twice per term.
- *What training is available?* There are various training resources/materials available for the successful candidate. For me, having joined 2 years ago, a lot has been learning 'on the job' through meeting attendance and working alongside other Governors. In addition, Mr Rose and the leadership team will spend time to help with things such as school data, finance, safeguarding etc.



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From a personal perspective, I would describe the role as fun, challenging and interesting. The biggest thing for me is being part of the team that shapes the decisions which determine the future of the school and therefore my children's education. It is for this reason that I would encourage you to think about applying.

If you have any further questions then please reach out to myself - david.sharp@holmfirthjinschool.net; Mr Rose; or any of the Governors.

Thanks

David Sharp
Chair of Governors

- Link to Original Letter dated 5 November:

<https://holmfirthjinschool.net/information-for-parents/whole-school-letters/>