

# Mersey Vale Primary School



is looking for a new Parent Governor

## Why do we need to have a governing body?



Because by law each school in England and Wales has to have one!

## Who are the other Governors?



Each Governing Body is made up of parents, staff, people appointed by the Local Authority (which can sometimes be a Councillor) and co-opted governors from the local community all working on a voluntary basis. In this way all interested groups can give their views of how the school is run.

## What does the governing body do?



The Governing Body looks after the upkeep of the school buildings both inside and out, how the school money is spent, how many staff there are and what they do, the safety of the pupils and staff, what sort of lessons are taught and much more...!

## But how can I be of help when I don't know anything about these things?



You may not feel that you can help but as long as you have an idea of what sort of school you would like your child(ren) to go to that will be a start! As long as you are interested and have some time to come to meetings (we do have tea and coffee and the meetings are quite relaxed) then you are on your way.

## Will there be any training?



Yes there is training which you can attend to help you in your role. We will also ask one of the other governors to sit with you at meetings to help explain what is happening.

## Okay - I think I might be interested - what do I do now?



Contact the school office and we will explain what you need to do next. Or come along to meet one of our governors on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.



## **Thinking of becoming a Parent Governor?**

### **What does it involve?**

Being a Parent Governor at Mersey Vale involves attending 3 full governing body meetings a year and 3 committee meetings as well. These meetings can be anything from half an hour to an hour and half and take place in the evening.

Parent Governors can be from any walk of life and are there to represent the parents from the school. The whole school governing body is made up of parents, staff, local councillors and other people wanting to support the development of our school.

Each governor is asked to choose a committee to work with; this would be either the Teaching and

Learning committee or the Resources Committee.

At the committee meetings you will discuss issues and developments within the school, working towards maintaining the outstanding status our school has already achieved.

As governors we commit to visiting the school and meeting with the children and staff at least once a year.

As a parent governor you may be approached by parents at the school gates or even in the park to ask about things or to raise any issues. It's a great way to be involved with the school and make sure things are considered from a parent's point of view.

As a parent it is a fantastic opportunity to give something back to the school that is doing such a fantastic job of setting the foundations for our children's futures.