

13 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Governor Vacancy – Teignmouth Community School, Mill Lane (Primary)

I would like to advertise that the Governing Body of TCS Mill Lane has a vacancy for one Parent Governor.

This is a challenging but ultimately very rewarding volunteer role that provides a valuable contribution to our school community. If you, or another Mill Lane parent or carer you know, might be interested in this opportunity we'd love to hear from you. Please ensure if you are nominating another person that you have their permission to do so.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor (following a successful enhanced DBS check and subject to some statutory criteria). There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character, time to contribute, and a willingness to learn. The school benefits from a range of professional knowledge on the governing body to enable it to be effective, and for those involved it is a great way to use and develop skills in a board-level environment. Training is provided at no cost to the governor.

Governors are responsible for three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school.

The responsibilities of the Parent Local Governor are to bring a **parental perspective** to the issues discussed – but they are not there to speak “on behalf” of the parent body.

For parents or carers of children at Mill Lane please return a completed copy of the attached application **by 4 pm on 20 June 2022** to Mrs Annabelle Thomas, Headteacher and Returning Officer, either via the school office, or email at annabelle.thomas@teignmouthschool.co.uk

If we receive more applications than vacancies for parent governors we will conduct a secret ballot of parents, but we will inform you closer to the time if this is required.

For a general outline of what being a governor involves there is a useful article by the national governance association here: <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

If you would like to speak to one of us informally to find out more what the role entails please email clerk@teignmouthschool.co.uk.

Many thanks

Mark McCarthy - Chair of Governors

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