



BURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Governor Factsheet

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY?

The Governing Body is comprised of Governors who all have an interest in the school and who want to help the school by working together. Nine of these are Foundation Governors, one appointed by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Education, four by local Deaneries and three by Bury Parish Church Parochial Church Council. The Rector of Bury serves as an ex-officio Governor.

Five non-foundation Governors are appointed, four parent Governors and one staff Governor, via ballot. The Head Teacher is appointed as Head Teacher Governor. However they are appointed, they all bring to the Governing Body a much appreciated range of knowledge and experience which is of real benefit to the school.

WHAT DO PARENT GOVERNORS DO?

Like all Governors, parent Governors have an important and useful job to do. Along with the Head Teacher and the other Governors, they have a key part in deciding what is taught, setting standards of behaviour and appointing staff. Governors of schools with delegated powers now have a general responsibility for the effective management of the school which includes the school budget, although the day to day running is the role of the Head Teacher.

DO I NEED ANY QUALIFICATIONS?

No. Governors are people with varied backgrounds and interests. What really matters is your willingness to help the school and your general interest in education.

WILL I BE TRAINED?

Yes. Both the Local Authority and the Diocese provide information and training for Governors and parent Governors will get special consideration, especially those who are inexperienced.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

Currently there are two main meetings each term, held in the evening. Governors are also encouraged to serve on at least one of the committees: Leadership and Finance, Ethos and Premises, Teaching and Staffing or Curriculum and Quality Assurance. Governors are encouraged to get to know the school by visiting for social and educational events and for other suitable reasons. Parent Governors may wish, from time to time, to visit school to raise matters with the Head Teacher which are of particular concern or interest to parents.

ME? - A GOVERNOR?

Why not? The number of places for parents on the Governing Body was increased so that they could play a bigger part in the decisions about the school attended by their children. By becoming a parent Governor you can play a part in helping all children in the school. It is an important and worthwhile job within the local community. It will help the school if all the places for parents on the Governing Body are filled so -

ACT NOW! - DON'T LEAVE IT TO OTHERS!

I AM INTERESTED, WHAT NOW?

Complete a nomination form from the school. Get another parent to nominate you and a second parent to support your nomination. You should also give your name, address, occupation and any particular interests especially about school and educational matters which will be used to inform parents on the ballot paper if there is more than one candidate. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact either the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs. Michelle Johnson or the Head Teacher at school, or the Governor Support Section at the LA Education Department by telephoning 253 5628.