

Parkgate Junior School

An Inspiring Learning Community



BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

We have vacancies on the Parkgate Junior School Governing Board and we would love to hear from **you**.

As a school governor, you can make a difference to our pupils, shape their future and help the school to be the best it can be.

This is an exciting time to be a governor at Parkgate Junior School. We are a happy, dynamic and inclusive community and the school is currently rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. We welcome people regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability or age

If you're interested and want to know more, email us at admin@parkgate.herts.sch.uk



"I have loved being a governor at Parkgate Juniors and being part of the school community. I joined because I wanted to give something to the school. and it has been extremely rewarding to be part of a team who work hard to achieve the best for the children.

Being a governor has given me confidence to approach other parents and challenge myself. It has given me skills outside my comfort zone that I have used in my career, and it has given me an understanding of education that has been helpful at home with my children."

Sarah Hughes, recent parent governor

What do school governors do?

School governors are volunteers who work together with the Headteacher to deliver the best education for the pupils at the school.

We work with the school leadership on all sorts of matters – from setting strategic direction and deciding what kind of school we want Parkgate Junior School to be, to ensuring we take the right steps to get it there and making sure resources are used effectively.



How much time does it take up?

The full governing body meets once every term, with separate, smaller committees which also meet termly.

We estimate that it takes up around five to eight hours per month, which includes meetings, reading meeting papers, school visits and training, but this can vary depending on the needs of the school and time of year.

Do I need experience or knowledge of education?

No - training in all the essentials is provided locally via Herts for Learning. There are other online resources, and the existing Parkgate governors will support you too.

There are skills and knowledge that would be particularly valuable to us such as finance, human resources, legal, public relations, property and estates management. However, if you don't have a background in any of these areas don't worry – if you are interested we would still love to hear from you.



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If you'd like an informal chat about the role please let us know, and we will arrange for one of the governors to get in touch and answer any questions that you have.