



## WANTED – NEW GOVERNOR

### Who are we looking for?

Our school Governing Board is made up of Parent, Staff, Local Authority and Co-opted Governors. Co-opted Governors include both parents and members of the community. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves. We are currently looking for a new Co-opted Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the school
- A desire to contribute to and represent the village and the wider community
- An open and enquiring mind
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements for the benefit of the whole school
- The ability to work well with others

Governors are usually appointed for a period of 4 years.

Information about the current governors and their background and interests will be found on the school website: <http://temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk/our-school>

### What can we offer you?

Being a Governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. It can also offer:

- A chance to develop a range of new skills
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- Training to develop an understanding of specific School management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping pupils reach their full potential



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## What is the Role of the Governing Body?

The Governing Body of Temple Sowerby Primary School has three main functions:

- **Setting strategic direction** - championing our vision, values and ethos and setting priorities for school improvement
- **Holding to account** – we are responsible for holding the Headteacher and his staff to account for the quality of teaching and learning, levels of achievement, behaviours and safety.
- **Ensuring good financial governance** – ensuring good financial management by setting and overseeing the budget, ensuring that resources are allocated to school priorities and needs

In practice though, we are best described as a 'critical friend'. The Headteacher has overall responsibility for the internal organisation, management and control of the school and for Temple Sowerby Primary School that means creating an environment where everyone can thrive and reach their full potential: children, teaching and support staff. The Governing Body is there to provide a framework which helps the Headteacher to deliver the aims and vision of the school and enables him to reach his potential through the right mix of support and challenge.

The Governing Body works together as a team:

- The full Governing Body meets 3 times a year
- Governors work in smaller informal Committees to focus on the key areas of Teaching and Learning and Resources and Finance
- Some Governors have specific responsibilities – for example, Special Educational Needs or Safeguarding.

## Remember

- You don't have to be a parent – please feel free to share this with friends, relatives or colleagues who you think may have an interest in becoming involved
- Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is tried and tested training and support available to help you, as well as experienced Governors to support you.

If you would like an informal chat regarding the role please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Angela Harrison, at the school by email or on 017683 61512 and a member of the Governing Body will contact you.

If you are interested, please send a letter briefly outlining why you are interested and explaining a bit about yourself to Chris Starr, Chair of Governors, Temple Sowerby Primary School, Temple Sowerby, Penrith, CA10 1RZ or via the school email:

[clerk@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk)

Letters expressing an interest should be submitted by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.



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