

## Become a School Governor

Dear Parents/Carers and Wider Community,

The Local Governing Body at John Clifford School is a dedicated and committed group of volunteers who support and challenge the school leaders in equal measure. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and raising of standards, including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. They meet on a termly basis to discuss school improvement priorities and the impact that this has on outcomes for all children. Governing bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters which come under three main headings:

- **Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**
- **Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;**
- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.**

The Local Governing Body is comprised of community, school and parent governor. Information about our team can be found on our website: [Governance - John Clifford School](#). You do not need to have previously been a governor, as training will be provided. It is a time committed activity but please do not be put off by this. At John Clifford School, there are two sub committees of the Local Governing Body and as a Governor you will be committed to just one of these. Each committee meets termly and meetings last approximately ninety minutes. Governors are also fully immersed in the life of the school. Some are Reading Volunteers whilst others support certain aspects of school in which they have interest or expertise.

If you wish to nominate yourself for the position of Governor you will need to complete the application form and return this to [karen.long@johnclifford.school](mailto:karen.long@johnclifford.school)

Nominations must be received by 9am on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. You may deliver this by hand, send it with your child, or send by post to the School Office.

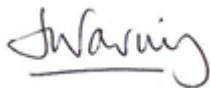
Your nomination will be acknowledged within two working days of the closing date. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact the school.

An election will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. For the purpose of the election, ballot papers will be sent to all parents or carers with children at school, together with any details that you and other nominees have provided. This procedure will be explained to you should an election be necessary.

If this is something that you think you would be interested in then please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janine Waring', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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