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Parent Governor Needed

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Our Lady's School are currently looking for a Parent Governor and I wanted to share my experience to encourage you all to apply!

Volunteer

I joined as a Parent Governor in 2022 just after my son Ryan started Reception. I was interested in seeing how the school is run and be part of the decision-making process. The thought of joining was daunting having not worked in the education sector, but I have found it really interesting.



School visits are my favourite part of being a Governor. I am responsible for monitoring Year 5/6 and come in and spend time in class for a few hours every term. It is brilliant to speak to pupils and they really enjoy sharing their views and showing me their work.

This last year has been an amazing time of transition for the school with the recruitment of Mrs Burch. The Governors were involved in the recruitment and interview process, and we are blessed to have found such a devoted headteacher to join an already amazing staff. With Our Lady's joining a multi academy trust soon, an additional Parent Governor will be crucial to bring the views of the parent body.



- ♣ **Time Commitment:** One meeting every half term on a Monday night and intermittent monitoring visits to school.
- ♣ **Duties:** Read the paperwork prior to the meeting and come with any questions and comments. You can also be a lead for things like EYFS, Safeguarding, Staff Wellbeing, and individual year groups where you will come in for a visit and write a short report.
- ♣ **Highs:** Sharing the school's successes! Seeing the data on how well the children are doing, and seeing how hard all the school staff work to make sure the school is the best it can be for our children.
- ♣ **Lows:** None, though meetings can be up to two hours long so bring snacks!
- ♣ **Experience needed:** None other than an interest in supporting our school 😊

I look forward to seeing you at the next Governors meeting!

Jessica Delaney

Looking for **Parent Volunteers!**