Broomgrove Infant School Governing Board.

The Governing Board of our school is made up of parent, staff, local authority and co-opted governors.

The recruitment process initially requires you to complete an application form (attached).

This will be followed up by a meeting with the Clerk, the Chair of Governors or the Headteacher or all three, either in person or virtually.

The Governing Board operates at a strategic level and is not involved in the day-to-day running of the school. We are responsible for both the conduct of the school and for the promotion of high standards. We carry out this role by setting the vision for the school, ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision, and that the school provides a high quality education for its pupils. This is done by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of its pupils, together with the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Board.

Governors also need 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information.

Our Governing Board has certain expectations of governors, which currently are:

- to attend and contribute to two meetings per term of the full Governing Board,
- when required, to sit on any committee or working party and attend all associated meetings
- to monitor a subject link area within the school, e.g. Numeracy, Literacy, Special Educational Needs, Early Years, etc., and meet with the staff subject leader on a minimum of a termly basis, reporting on each visit to the Governing Board
- to visit the school formally for monitoring purposes as directed by the Governing Board,
- to visit the school informally on occasion,
- to commit to attend training courses,
- to comply with the expectations set out in our Code of Conduct.

In return, our Governing Board commits to:

- provide access to quality training via the local authority Governor Support Unit, including initial induction training.
- develop your skills in strategic management,
- offer you an insight into the wider perspective of the school,
- give you the opportunity to make a difference to our school and the outcomes for our pupils.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR CO-OPTED GOVERNOR(S)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E mail:

Pen portrait (Maximum 60 words)

I wish to submit my application for the role of Co-opted Governor

I confirm that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Signature…….. Dated……..

Completed application forms must be returned to the school office.