

## **Vacancies for Foundation Governors at Saint Sebastian's C of E Primary School**

Saint Sebastian's is a happy school with excellent relationships between pupils, staff, parents and governors. Our aim is to provide the best possible education for our children within the context of a caring Christian ethos. The links between the church and the school are strong.

We are currently looking for 4 Foundation Governors to join our enthusiastic team. It is important that you have your own personal Christian faith as well as the capacity to develop a clear understanding of church school distinctiveness. You will also need to understand the unique and particular role that the Foundation Governor has in supporting and developing the distinctive church school ethos and upholding and developing dynamic links between the local church and the community.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the church (either the Diocese or the Parochial Church Council) and should be regular attendees at their place of worship (defined as at least monthly).

We are looking for the following in a new Governor:

- Commitment to improving education for all pupils
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team and take collective responsibility for decisions
- Commitment to the school's vision and ethos
- Good communication skills, including being able to discuss sensitive issues tactfully and the ability to maintain confidentiality at all times
- Willingness to learn
- Basic IT skills (i.e. word processing and email)

The role of Governor is voluntary, but it carries a significant level of responsibility and individuals should ensure that they have adequate time to discharge their duties effectively.

- The post is for a 4-year term of office
- You will be required to attend Full Governing Body meetings (up to 6 per year – usually on Wednesday at 7.30pm)
- All Governors are required to have membership of one sub-committee (up to 6 meetings per year)
- All Governors are required to have a subject governor role, which requires them to meet with the subject coordinator to discuss the subject at least twice a year
- Attendance at one Governor Day per year – choice of one per term

Continuing professional development is offered to develop skills as a Governor – sessions are held externally via Wokingham Borough Council, and extensive training is available on-line.

If you are interested in applying or find out more, please speak to the vicar, Andrew Marsden, or contact him via the Parish Office (Tel. 01344 761050. Email: [office@stsebastians.org.uk](mailto:office@stsebastians.org.uk))