



DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving Excellence Together in a Caring Community

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Parent Governor Vacancy 2026

Applications are invited for a parent governor vacancy on Dorchester Primary School's Governing Board. **The closing date is Monday 2nd November 2026.**

Why become a parent governor

Being a governor is a rewarding way to contribute to the school community and help shape the school's future. You will gain a deeper understanding of how the school is led, how strategic decisions are made and how the Governing Board supports and challenges school leaders to secure the best possible outcomes for pupils.

What the Governing Board does

The Governing Board provides strategic leadership and oversight. Its core work includes:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- overseeing the school's financial performance and ensuring that money is well spent.

The role of a parent governor

Parent governors have the same responsibilities as every other governor and work in the interests of all pupils. They do not act as delegates for parents or deal with individual concerns, but their parental perspective is particularly valuable to the Board.

You do not need previous governance or education experience. Training and support will be provided. We are looking for someone who:

- is committed to improving outcomes and experiences for every child;
- can think strategically, ask thoughtful questions and consider evidence;
- works constructively as part of a team and respects collective decisions;
- is willing to learn, undertake training and maintain confidentiality; and
- can contribute professional, voluntary or life experience to the Board.

Skills currently sought. Experience in human resources or procurement would be particularly helpful because these areas are currently underrepresented on the Board. However, these are not requirements: applications are welcomed from parents and carers with any background, skills or experience.

Time commitment

Governors are normally expected to attend one committee meeting and one Full Governing Board meeting each term. All meetings are held at 8.00am, usually on a Monday, Thursday or Friday. Governors also undertake training, read papers in advance and visit the school at least once each term. The overall commitment is usually around 6–8 hours per month during term time. The usual term of office is four years.

Who can apply

A parent governor must be the parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school on the date of the election. Eligibility is subject to the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, as

amended. Candidates will be asked to confirm their eligibility and complete the school's governor declaration and safeguarding checks.

We want our Governing Board to reflect our diverse school community and warmly encourage applications from all eligible parents and carers, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability, religion or age.

How to apply

Please complete the Parent Governor Application Form and return it to the school office, or email it to **office@dorchesterprimary.com**, by the end of Monday 2nd November 2026.

If more than one eligible application is received, a secret ballot of parents and carers will be held. Candidate statements will be shared with the parent body as part of that process.

If you would like an informal conversation about the role before applying, please contact Mrs Bell or Mrs Hall through the school office.