***What do governors do?***

This is a voluntary role and the governors are responsible for:

* Ensuring clarity of vision and strategic direction
* Holding senior leaders 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

Governance is a collective responsibility and these responsibilities are met by both supporting and challenging the Headteacher at governor meetings and through monitoring visits.

As Wadebridge is an academy school then each governor also has some responsibilities as a charitable trustee and a company director.

***What is the time commitment required?***

The Governing body meets six times a year during term time. Meetings are held on a Wednesday with a 4.00pm start and usually last about two and a half hours.

Governors also work in small groups to monitor how well the school is doing and this will involve visiting the school and meeting with staff.

In addition, you will sometimes be asked to be part of a three governor panel to hear pupil exclusion or other appeals.

Preparation time for meetings will involve some advance reading of papers or reports. In total please expect to be able to commit to at least 30 hours over the three school terms.

***Are you looking for particular skills or experience?***

No. A commitment to want to work alongside other governors to help the school achieve the best possible outcomes for the students is most important.

***Want further information about being a governor at Wadebridge?***

The Department for Education’s [**Governance Handbook**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/582868/Governance_Handbook_-_January_2017.pdf)has a lot of information about all aspects of governance.

The Wadebridge School **Governor Code of Practice** is available [here](http://www.wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk/our-school/governors) and sets out what is expected on a personal level.

For an **informal discussion,** please contact either the Chair of Governors or the Headteacher by email [rhughes@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:rhughes@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk) or by telephoning the school office 01208 812881.

**NOMINATION FORM – WADEBRIDGE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

1. **We nominate**: (please print candidate's details)

Surname:

Forename(s):

Address:

Email:

To be a parent governor at Wadebridge School.

**Proposed by** ([please print):

I am a parent/guardian of a pupil at the School.

Signature

**Seconded by** ([please print):

I am a parent/guardian of a pupil at the School.

Signature

2**. For the candidate**. I agree to this nomination being made. I understand that, if successful, I will undergo an appointment check and that my details will be held on a computer database and at Companies House. I am a parent/guardian of a pupil at the School.

Signature:

3. **Candidate’s statement.** As a candidate for election, please use the following space to let other parents know more about you and why you want to be a parent governor. Should there be a need for a ballot this information will be copied and will be distributed with voting papers to all parents. Please use a **black pen** or **type**.

**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – WADEBRIDGE SCHOOL.**

NAME (please print): ……………………………………………………………………………

|  |
| --- |
|  |

Signed.................................................................................................