



# Cabot Primary School

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## **Cabot Primary School new school governors**

We are currently looking for new governors to serve as parent-governors or co-opted governors.

Cabot is a successful, well-run and high achieving primary school with a good reach into the local community and a place where our children are happy. Cabot Primary School is located in the heart of St Pauls, Bristol within a diverse and vibrant community with a rich and proud history.

Our core values reflect our belief that education is collaborative, based on great relationships and should prepare children for life and also ensure that they progress their moral, cultural and social development. It underpins everything we do at Cabot.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians, other people from our community and/or those with relevant professional knowledge and skills such as finance, law, education, human resources or management. Being able to occasionally visit the school during the day would also be useful. Please do not be put off if you do not have these skills - what is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.

School Governors act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to oversee the strategic direction of the school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school

- can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements
- has spare time and the energy for the role
- is able to work well as part of a team

## About the school

The school is a single entry school with a diverse range of pupils from 4-11. The school roll is less than 200. There is a strong pastoral focus including well targeted support for disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs.

Given the recent educational challenges, the school is looking at options for the future and the governors, the head teacher and the senior leadership team are currently involved in forward planning.

Cabot School is registered as 'Good' by Ofsted. The 2018 'short' inspection reported:

"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. You and your team are fully committed to ensure that all pupils and their families are supported effectively. You demonstrate high aspirations for your pupils. You prioritise pupils' welfare and core reading skills. Increasingly, this helps pupils progress in their learning well. Governors, too, are ambitious for the school. Governors are assiduous in checking progress towards meeting the school priorities and are always searching for further ways to bring about improvements. As a result, the school continues to improve."

The previous 2015 long inspection 2015 commented: "The headteacher's drive and rigorous and decisive approach have been the key features in bringing about improvement since the previous inspection. His deputy headteacher and middle leaders support him very well. Working together, they have successfully improved teaching, pupils' behaviour and achievement. Governance is very supportive and robust in its challenge. In particular, well-targeted support for disadvantaged pupils, disabled pupils and those with special educational needs ensures that they achieve well."

## What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils through monitoring and evaluating progress
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

## What does the role offer?

- Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is a rewarding and fulfilling role
- A chance to develop your own personal skills

- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors
- Access to a programme of training in respect of education/governance matters

Typically a governor would attend 6 full board meetings during the year. A governor is also usually a member of a specialist committee such as resources, school improvement, or have specific areas where they engage more closely with teachers and the local community such as special needs, reading and literacy, disadvantaged pupils. The governors make occasional visits to the school to find out how things are going.

If you are interested, or know of somebody else who would be, then please complete an application form and return to Clerk to the Governors, c/o the School office, Cabot Primary School, Halston Dr, St Paul's, Bristol BS2 9JE, or email:

[clerkcabotp@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:clerkcabotp@bristol-schools.uk)

If you would like to contact our Governing Body with any questions, please write to our interim Chair of Governors, c/o the School office, Cabot Primary School, Halston Dr, St Paul's, Bristol BS2 9JE or email:

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