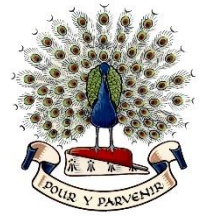


Lady Manners School



Could you become a Parent Governor?

A Parent Governor has:

- ❖ an interest in **all** the children's future
- ❖ a desire to make a difference
- ❖ a willingness to accept responsibility
- ❖ an ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn
- ❖ The skills to contribute to effective governance and success of the school or at least the capacity and willingness to develop them

and will:

- ❖ act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school
- ❖ fulfil a largely strategic role in the running of the school
- ❖ visit and get to know the school and the people in it in accordance with the agreed visits protocol
- ❖ work in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards
- ❖ actively contribute to the work of the Governing Body
- ❖ abide by the adopted Code of Practice.

Once elected, a Parent Governor must operate in the best interest of all students and not as representatives to lobby on behalf of their constituency.

Parent Governors:

- ❖ help to decide the priorities for improving the school
- ❖ focus on their three core strategic functions
- ❖ work co-operatively with other governors in the best interest of the school
- ❖ attend the meetings of the Governing Board and its committees
- ❖ promote the interest of the school in the wider community
- ❖ have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
- ❖ are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Board
- ❖ respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
- ❖ withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
- ❖ have regard to the broader responsibilities as a governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Board
- ❖ participate in training.