

# Becoming a Governor at Farlingaye High School

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have a crucial part to play in raising school standards.

## Have you ever thought about becoming a Governor?

Want to make a difference to the lives of our students and develop new skills? Each School Governor contributes to making our school outstanding.

Our Governors are a team of skilled volunteers who:

- ensure clarity of ethos, vision and strategic direction for our school
- hold the school leadership to account for the educational performance of the school and the outcomes of our students; and monitors the performance management of staff
- oversee the financial performance of the school

## Why should you become a Governor?

- Volunteering to govern is one of the best ways to make a positive impact on young people's lives and enables you to contribute to resolve issues that you feel passionately about
- You will develop skills that are valued by employers, such as board-level leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and effective team-working
- You can contribute to the success of the school and our students through effective governance

## What will I learn once I join?

- Understand the role and responsibilities of governance
- Understand the core functions of the governing board
- Understand what is expected of you and what you can expect from your fellow board members
- Become linked to a mentor Governor to ensure you are effective as quickly as possible
- How to contribute to enhance the outcomes for Farlingaye students

## Am I suitable?

All Governors are elected/appointed based on the skills and experience they can bring to the existing team of Governors. As part of our safeguarding checks, all Governors undertake a DBS check. If you are committed to helping the school improve, care about the outcomes for our students and are willing and able to give up your time to attend meetings (four afternoons/annum plus committee meetings) then we are keen to hear from you.

## How do I join the Board?

Watch 'The Forum' for notices of current Governor vacancies or contact the Chair of Governors via [mail@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:mail@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk) and express your interest. Even if there are no current vacancies there is still the opportunity to find out more and even attend a meeting as an observer.