

Deansfield Primary School

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February 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our local school committee.

The role of the local school committee

The Local School Committee is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational performance.

The Local School Committee is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you will work with the Local School Committee to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will also play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to the Local School Committee, but you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the Local School Committee delivers effective governance

Expectations of governors

Governors are expected to:

- make full efforts to attend all meetings and where this is not possible, explain in advance why they are unable to do so
- involve themselves actively in the work of the Local School Committee, and accept their fair share of responsibilities
- maintain confidentiality
- attend induction and training as required

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How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form attached to this letter and return to Lynne Miller, lmiller@compassps.uk by **midnight, Sunday 22nd February 2026**.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

Please note that your data as provided will be stored as follows:

- Securely in school, electronic systems
- Office Lead, Senior Leadership Team, it will, not be shared with third parties outside of the school
- It will be retained for the duration of the appointment process
- Data of successful candidates, will be retained in accordance with our data retention policy
- It will be permanently deleted from electronic systems following the retention period

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact lmiller@compassps.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KBaldwin'.

Mrs Baldwin
Acting Head of School