



# Dobcroft Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Board I am delighted to welcome you all back! Things may not be quite the same as they were, and there will undoubtedly be more changes as the government guidance changes or we learn what works well and what doesn't, but it is great to see the school full of children again. In particular a big welcome to our Year 3s as they join our junior school family.

Thank you for all your patience and support as we settle into this new normal, and a massive thank you on behalf of the Governors to all the school staff for all of their work in preparing the school for the return of all the children.

For those who aren't aware, the Governing Board is made up of volunteers who give their time to fulfil three key functions. It formulates the vision and strategic direction of the school, it works with the Headteacher and staff in driving up school and pupil performance, and it makes sure that resources are used well to give every child at Dobcroft Junior School the best possible education.

We currently have a vacancy on the board for a parent governor and are looking for a member of our parent body to join us in fulfilling these functions.

Being a governor is a good opportunity to get more involved with the life of the school, to learn how the school is managed, and contribute to the strategic direction of the school. You do not need any formal qualifications and we do provide training. The term of office is four years but Governors can step down before their term of office is complete. You would be expected to attend 3 evening meetings each term and to take on additional roles, such as a Link Governor (perhaps focussed on a specific subject), or monitoring one of the key focus areas we have (e.g. finance, pupil progress, SEND, etc.). We therefore do require a level of commitment from all Governors. The work is, however, extremely rewarding.

As this role is for a Parent Governor, we welcome applications from all parents and carers. We are particularly keen to ensure that the makeup of the governing body reflects the diversity of our school community. If we receive more applications than there are spaces, then we will hold an election.

If you are interested please write to me with a short note outlining why you would like to be a governor, by e-mail ([chair@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:chair@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)) or by letter to the school, clearly marked for my attention. The closing date for applications to be received is 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

If you would like to find out more before applying, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail to arrange an informal discussion, or contact any of our governors.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Ian Besford  
Chair of Governors

