



Your school needs YOU to be a governor!

The Forest Federation Governing Board needs additional governors and would love to attract the skills and experience of people from our school and the community.

School governors are volunteers who work together with the Headteacher to deliver the best education for the pupils at their school. Generally, school governors are not specialists in education and you do not even have to be a parent of a child at the school! Instead, much of the role is about exercising common sense – and of course working together in the best interests of the children. The governors work with the Headteacher on a diverse range of matters – from deciding what kind of school we want The Forest Federation to be and thinking about how we want it to get there, to setting school policies and ensuring money is spent on the right things.

Most important of all, the governors are there to question and challenge the school's leaders on the standards of educational performance. Ultimately, they work with the school to ensure that pupils receive the best opportunities to learn in an environment in which they feel happy and secure.

The full governing board meets approximately 6 times a year and as of late have all been held virtually. The meetings last around two hours and are lively and interactive. Most of our current governors work full time and manage to fit in their role around their other commitments. Their motivation is invariably to make a positive contribution to something of fundamental importance – educating our children.

Governors are unpaid, doing what they do simply to try to make each school the best school it can be. In return they gain skills which they may not otherwise acquire, as well as getting a wider perspective on a key part of their community. Most importantly, governors get the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to make a difference in the education of the children who attend.

If you would like to know who the current governors are please have a look at the school website at <https://www.forestfederation.co.uk/> where you will find their details. If you would be interested in having an informal chat about the role to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email our Chair of Governors, Daniel Lister d.lister@forestfederation.co.uk to arrange a time for a conversation.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you,

Eliza Hollis and Daniel Lister
Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors