



William Cobbett
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Have you ever considered becoming a school governor?

The Governing Board of William Cobbett Primary School in Farnham needs additional governors and would love to attract the skills and experience of people from our 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. Instead, much of the role is about exercising common sense – and of course working together in the best interests of the children. The governors at William Cobbett work with the Headteacher on a diverse range of matters – from deciding what kind of school we want William Cobbett 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 usually meets seven times a year. Meetings last around two hours and are lively and interactive. In normal circumstances we meet in the early evenings at the school, but we are currently using online video-conferencing. 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.

This is a hugely exciting time to be a governor at William Cobbett. The school is currently rated good by Ofsted and we are in the process of redrafting the School Development Plan to look towards outstanding. During lockdown we introduced a whole new system of online learning, which is going to continue to be developed this year. And we have recently undergone a large building project to provide the school with a new roof, office space and kitchens. William Cobbett is not standing still and we continue to make many innovative changes.

Governors are unpaid, doing what they do simply to try to make William Cobbett 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 William Cobbett Primary School.

If you would like to know more about the school, please have a look at the website www.william-cobbett.surrey.sch.uk. 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 the Chair with your details: hmcgill@william-cobbett.surrey.sch.uk and we will contact you to discuss the opportunity.

Thank you.

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