Grange is recruiting new school governors!



Why Become a School Governor?

- Have a positive impact on students' education and support families in the school community.
- Take on a leadership role that contributes to the **future of the local area**.
- Make **meaningful connections** with like-minded people.
- Gain a deeper understanding of how schools operate and education policy works.
- Develop valuable **skills in leadership**, strategic planning, finance, and oversight.
- Access training and development opportunities to enhance your personal and professional growth.
- Enjoy a **sense of fulfilment** by giving back to your community.

What Does a School Governor Do?

- Work with the leadership to set the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
- Monitor the school's budget to ensure resources are used effectively and in the best interests of students.
- Ensure the school complies with **key policies** such as safeguarding, equality, and financial oversight.
- Provide constructive challenge and support to hold school leaders accountable.
- Act as a **link** between the school, parents, and the wider community.
- Attend events such as the Winter Fair,
 Sports Day, and Prize Givings to engage with the school community.

What Would I Be Committing To?

- Attend 6 meetings per year: 3 in-person full governing board meetings (one per term) and 3 virtual committee meetings on Monday evenings (6-8pm).
- Ideally, visit the school once a term during the school day to explore areas of interest, such as safeguarding, curriculum delivery, or student well-being.
- Potential involvement in **occasional panels**, such as headteacher pay or disciplinary issues.
- Participate in **school events** to connect with staff, parents, and pupils.

Can Anyone be a Governor?

- A <u>clear DBS check</u> is required to ensure the safety of students.
- We welcome individuals from all backgrounds with enthusiasm, motivation, and a willingness to learn.
- No prior experience in education or governance is required training and support are provided.
- If you don't live locally, a commitment to understanding the school's **community and context** is important.
- There are **plenty of resources** to help new governors get up to speed quickly.

What Should I Do If I Am Interested?

Speak to any of the governors at a school event or **email the headteacher** at: headteacher@grange.southwark.sch.uk to learn more.