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Dear Parents/Carers

Could you be a Parent Governor?

You will have seen in a recent newsletter that we, the Local Governing Body (LGB) for Brent Knoll primary, are seeking to recruit a new governor. Each school is required to have two parent/carer governors who can represent parents on the Governing Board. We currently have a space for one. A parent governor's job is no different from that of other governors in terms of the overall role but they can provide a parent perspective at meetings.

You do not need any particular experiences or qualifications other than a real desire to make a positive contribution to the success of the school and, importantly, can give sufficient time to carry out the role. All governors do a skills audit which help us to know where individual experiences lie. Training is provided, often online.

As well as evening meetings (from 6pm until 8pm), five or six times a year, governors are required to read documents and to undertake some visits to school, maybe three a year, in a 'monitoring' capacity, meeting with relevant staff. Initial support is given for all of this. Following such a meeting a brief report is written and is circulated to all governors.

If you are interested, could give the time but feel unsure, why not speak to someone in school, maybe your child's class teacher or Chris Burman, the head teacher. We have a range of documents that give more detail about the role which can be sent to you and/or we can arrange a meeting with myself, another governor or with Chris Burman.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sue Owen'.

Sue Owen

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