**Co-opted Governor Vacancy**

Our school is seeking a **Co-opted Governor** to join our Governing Body with immediate effect. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. We are especially looking for potential Governors who have any background or experience of working in Finance, Human Resources or Operational Management but we welcome all applications. You will be enthusiastic, motivated and able to use your own initiative, organised and self-motivated and keen to work as part of a supportive Governing body team.

**Our school**

At Loxwood we want our children to be curious and to love learning, ensuring that they are prepared and resilient for the world beyond Loxwood. We want every child to feel safe and happy and understand the importance of kindness in all that they do. Inclusivity and equity is a key part of our approach at Loxwood.  We want every child to be healthy, both physically and emotionally.

At Loxwood, we encourage our children, staff and governors to believe in a ‘growth mindset’ approach. We believe that every day is a learning opportunity and mistakes aid learning. We encourage our children to be creative and curious learners, and to discover their own interests and passions.  We believe that our curriculum should be exciting, purposeful and fun and we have spent time as a teaching community, creating a teaching and learning provision that enables every child to thrive.  Our core values are Kindness, Respect, Independence, Resilience and Curiosity.

**Governor role**

As a governor you will be able to use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations, develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment and make a valuable contribution to education and your community. All Governors are required to support and challenge the school so that it continued to improve for pupils and staff and bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

Governors set the aims and objectives for the school or group of schools and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They support, monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. In action, this means that we manage school budgets and decide with the school how many is spent, that we sit on panels to support decision making, that we address a range of educational challenging within the school and that we support the use of data and evidence to ask questions and challenge conversations with the school. We do this all whilst engaging with pupils, parents and the school community.

Loxwood Primary school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. This post is subject to rigorous pre-employment checks, including references, qualifications, health and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Loxwood school is committed to equal opportunities, we welcome applications regardless of ability, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion.

For an informal conversation or to submit an expression of interest, please contact Laura Walker, Vice Chair of Governors at lwalker@loxwoodschool.com

Closing Date: Friday 21st March 2025

Interview Date: Week commencing 24th March 2025