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I am writing to introduce myself as the Chair of Governors at Pathfield School. My name is Rosemary Mitchell and I have been part of the Governing Board for many years.

What does Pathfield do:

Here at Pathfield School we provide high quality learning opportunities for children and young adults with severe, profound and complex needs including autism. We believe we are a forward-looking special school, which is keen to promote the opportunities for all pupils with special needs and their local communities – and having a fantastic network across those communities enables us to achieve this.

What do Governors at Pathfield do:

The Governing Board has three specific roles and these are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

How we Work

The Governing Board meets eleven times in the school year for 2-3 hours (during school hours) to review and discuss the details of the school life. These meetings cover:

- Curriculum and Standards
- Resources, Finance, Staffing and Health and Safety
- Pupils, Parents and Community

There are sometimes further meetings around:

- Headteacher Performance Management
- Pay Reviews
- Complaints
- Requests for Absence

As voluntary members of the school, we as Governors share a common objective which is the wider school community – working in partnership with parents and carers, staff and local business' to ensure that every child can succeed and reach their full potential.



Vacancies have arisen for Local Authority and Vice-Chair Governors at the school. As highlighted above, the role is very interesting and rewarding. Governors need *not* be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school, its management and the welfare of the children.

If a member of staff from your organisation wishes to put themselves forward, please do contact me on the details below or call the telephone number above and I will return your call as soon as possible. Successful schools are transformational; you will be integral to one of the most pivotal organisations in our community.

I thank you in advance of your support for our school.

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Mitchell
Chair of Governors
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