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Hello

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 at Pathfield 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. Having a fantastic network across those communities enables us to achieve this aim for our pupils.

What do Governors at Pathfield do

The Governing Board has three specific roles which 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 money is well spent.

How the Pathfield Governing Body works

The Governing Board meets 12 times over the course of the school year, during the school day (normally Monday mornings) for approximately 2.5 hours each time to review the strategic direction of Pathfield and discuss the details of school life. These Governor meetings cover:

- Curriculum and Standards
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Pupil Premium
- Resources, Finance, Staffing and Health and Safety
- Pupils, Parents and Community

There are sometimes further, occasional meetings around:

- The School Budget
- 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, the local authority and local businesses to ensure that every child can succeed and reach their full potential.

The Pathfield School Governing Body currently has vacancies for Co-opted Governors. The Governor role is very interesting and rewarding and Governors need *not* be experts in the field of education. What you *do* need is an interest in the school, its staff and management and the welfare and wellbeing of the pupils that attend Pathfield.

If you, or a member of staff from your organisation wishes to put themselves forward, please do email me at my Pathfield email address below or call the school office telephone number above to leave a message with reception 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 and we look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Mitchell

Chair of Governors

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