

# Believe. Achieve. Succeed.

Head Teacher Mrs T Withers

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

You may not know that the largest and often most unrecognised group of volunteers in the UK are school governors. Our communities are full of professional and skilled people who, by sharing their expertise and knowledge, would make valuable and welcomed school governors –are you one of those people?

### Strategic leaders

School governors support the strategic leaders of Hallbrook Primary School, and there is a focus on the governing boards to develop their own performance to ensure they have the skills, knowledge, and experience within their team. Governors provide robust challenge to school leaders and hold them to account for pupils' outcomes, but they also provide support to the head teacher and school. This is often referred to as being a critical friend.

### Do you have the skills, time and commitment to volunteer at Hallbrook?

Have you ever stopped to think about the personal and professional benefits there are to gain from joining our governing board? Volunteering as a school governor can equip you with experiences and opportunities that you may not gain within your day-to-day role and can also assist you to develop your own skill set.

There is a time commitment involved in volunteering as a governor and it is recommended that before you are elected or appointed to join a governing board, you discuss with the chair of the governing board what time commitment is expected from you.

## Do you want to give back to your community?

An effective governing board has the opportunity to support children in their community to develop into confident, self-assured, resilient young people who leave school having experienced a good quality education that prepares them for all aspects of their life ahead.

The legacy of an effective governing board is sometimes not realised for years to come, but they lay the foundations for children's futures – I personally cannot think of a greater reward than that.

### Can you make time?

Volunteering as a governor does take a time commitment – preparing for and attending meetings, additional school visits for monitoring purposes, writing reports, supporting interviews for new staff, the head teacher's performance management and, of course, your own training and professional development.

#### Recruitment at Hallbrook.

Hallbrook is currently looking to recruit additional governors to our local board. If you feel you have the skills which will benefit Hallbrook and make a difference to the children please put yourself forward. To register your interest please email admin@hallbrook.leics.sch.uk with your details.

#### So, the question is: Do you have what it takes?

Kind Regards

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