**School Local Governor Vacancies**

**Starting asap**

Coastal Learning Partnership currently has a number of local governor vacancies across our 16 infant / primary schools based in Bournemouth, Poole and the Purbecks.

**Role of a Local Governor**

The role of a Local Governor is voluntary, and is a role for people who have the energy and skills to make a real contribution to shaping the future of our schools. Local Governors are a highly valued group within our wider team in Coastal Learning Partnership and their commitment and energies make a real difference to our schools. You do not need to have any specialist knowledge of education because Local Governors can bring all sorts of other things to their schools: a different perspective or partnership, new ideas, particular specialist skills such as estates, legal, finance and so on. **What they must all bring is a desire to use their skills and experience to add value and contribute to a school’s ongoing work and improvement.**

Some of our vacancies are for Foundation Governors and in addition to the overall objectives of the local governing body, they will have further focus to support the continued development of the school’s Christian ethos.

The time investment of a Local Governor needn’t be enormous – some can offer more time than others. All Local Governors will usually need to:

* Attend and contribute to the main schedule of meetings (varies between schools but typically six a year; most governing bodies find meeting times which work for their members; some face to face and some on-line)
* Make occasional visits to the school as may be enabled by the Governor’s schedule
* Some Governors then take a particular interest in an aspect of the school best suited to them (this can be anything from curriculum to finance to health & safety and much more)
* Undertake the necessary training required

We find that Local Governors take many rewards from the role. Mostly, they know they are making a difference and ‘giving something back’ to the community. Being a Local Governor can also offer you a wider perspective of schools and education as well as develop your own skills and knowledge in things like strategic management.

You can find out more about the role of a Local Governor in CLP by reading our [scheme of delegation](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/coastal-learning-partnership/UploadedDocument/b0b7ee9d9ca545c398aa47b5a6c1afb9/clp-scheme-of-delegation.pdf). You can also read official government information [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook).

**About the partnership**

Coastal Learning Partnership is a multi-academy trust of sixteen schools catering for children aged 3-11 and come in a wide variety: primary, infant, junior schools and also church and community schools. CLP’s motto is *Broadening Horizons Together* which we believe captures our aspiration to offer the best possible opportunities to all children, staff and volunteers. We are not a multi academy trust seeking to make our schools all the same as each other; rather, the partnership empowers each school to nurture its own unique identity and individual characteristics to serve its local communities. Our schools serve one another through their professional generosity, sharing resources and expertise and supporting each other’s improvement journeys. Our schools also recognise the value and efficiency that can be achieved with the right balance of alignment and standardisation across schools.

**Applications**

If you are interested in applying to become a Local Governor, please complete the attached short application form telling us what skills and experience you have, and about what you would hope to bring to a Local Governing Body.

Please send your completed application to the Clerk to the Trustees and Governance Co-ordinator at [sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk) by **Monday 23 October 2023.**

If you would like more information about the role of a local governor, or you would like an informal conversation, please email your telephone number to [sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk)

CLP would particularly like to hear from people from Black, Asian and other minority ethnicities, people with disabilities and young people as these groups are currently underrepresented on our governing boards. CLP recognises that a more diverse range of Governors can ensure the Partnership is fair and open and can help strengthen decision making across the Partnership.

You can also visit the [Partnership Website](https://www.coastalpartnership.co.uk/) where you can find information on all of our schools.

*Coastal Learning Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to share and demonstrate this commitment. All Local Governors are appointed subject to an Enhanced DBS check; applicants will be asked to provide a referee.*

# **Application to be a Local Governor**

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| **NAME:** |
| **ADDRESS:** |
| **MOBILE:**  **EMAIL:** |
| **CURRENT OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER:** |

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| These are the CLP schools which currently have governor vacancies. **Please indicate in preference order (1,2,3) the three schools of greatest interest to you.**   * [Corfe Castle CE Primary School](https://www.corfecastle.dorset.sch.uk/) – BH20 5EQ * [Courthill Infant School](http://www.courthillinfantschool.co.uk/) – BH14 9HL * [Heathlands Primary Academy](https://www.heathlandsprimarybournemouth.co.uk/) – BH11 8HB * [Heatherlands Primary School](https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/) – BH12 2BG * [Lilliput CE Infant School](http://www.lilliput.poole.sch.uk/) – BH14 8JX * [Longfleet CE Primary School](http://www.longfleet.poole.sch.uk/) – BH15 2HF * [Oakdale Junior School](http://www.oakdalejunior.poole.sch.uk) – BH15 3JR * [Old Town Infant School and Nursery](http://www.oldtowninfantschool.co.uk/) – BH15 1QB * [St Luke’s CE Primary School](https://www.st-luke.bournemouth.sch.uk/) – BH9 1DL * [St Mark’s Swanage CE Primary School](https://www.stmarksswanage.dorset.sch.uk/) – BH19 2PH * [Wareham St Mary CE Primary School](https://www.warehamstmary.dorset.sch.uk/) – BH20 4PG * [Wool CE Primary School](https://www.woolprimary.com/) – BH20 6BT |
| Have you ever been, or are you currently, a trustee / governor? Yes / No |
| If yes please give details: |
| Do you meet the requirements to become a Foundation Governor?  *A Foundation Governor needs to be a person who considers that he/she is a Christian but does not necessarily need to be a regular church attender.*   * Yes * No * Not Sure |

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| **Skills and Experience and your reasons for applying** |