



Local Governing Board

Newsletter



Braybrook Primary Academy

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Local Governing Board for Braybrook Primary Academy and to explain how both the Local Governing Board and I work with the school.

I have been involved with Braybrook Primary Academy for many years. My journey started with both of my children attending, what seems now many years ago. They are now both at secondary school. I started my journey as a 'Reading Buddy' and parent helper. I wanted to give something back to the children and school, and to help as much as I could. I am a very driven person who wants to help our children strive towards getting the best they can from school. I found helping the children so rewarding and wanted to find a way to give something back. I was asked, just over 4 years ago, if I would like to be a governor at Braybrook Primary. I was delighted to be asked.

I believe we have a responsibility to ensure all young people have access to the best possible start in life, through good education and social activities, where each child is encouraged to fulfil their potential. I want to see the school continue to develop within its ethos of a caring community, where every child matters and is valued for their individuality.

I am very appreciative of the role that governors play in supporting a school and am glad of the opportunity to play my part. My children were privileged to have a great start in life through their education in a state school, and I hope to be able to support Braybrook Primary Academy to enable the children to flourish and develop a lifelong love of learning. I want to give it my full support and experience, to ensure that the school is able to meet current and future challenges, and that it continues to be a safe and inclusive environment that's full of new experiences and learning opportunities for children and staff to realise their full potential. I wanted to become a governor because I recognised the importance that education and the environment in which that education takes place has on the successful development of children. I am finding being a governor is a very rewarding experience and enjoy being part of a group of people who are passionate about giving the children at the school an excellent education.

I have had many roles within the Local Governing Board, including safeguarding governor, SEND governor and Finance rep. In the summer, I was appointed by the Trust as Chair of the Local Governing Board and I am extremely proud to be appointed to this role. I am also very grateful to all of the parents and members of the community who have previously served as Governors for the school, and recognise their contribution to the progress that has been made in recent years.

One of the many advantages of being part of DLPT, is that the Local Governing Board is now working alongside a Trustee Board and can be even more focused than before on the topics which I know will be as important to you as parents, as they are to us:

- Ensuring that all children are receiving a high quality education & achieving their potential
- Reviewing the safeguarding of children and staff
- Making sure the resources available to the school are used effectively

The Local Governing Board meet at least once per term and, in addition, Governors work alongside the Braybrook Primary Academy team to consult and support, where necessary. Governors also talk with parents and staff more often, to ensure that we have a clear picture of the progress we are making. The Local Governing Board is committed to supporting Braybrook Primary Academy in providing an outstanding education.

As Chair, I can be contacted directly through the school office, and welcome questions or comments from parents. I'll be updating you regularly throughout the school year and hope to have the opportunity to meet you in person at school events, alongside the Local Governing Board team, just as soon as the COVID guidance permits this.

We currently have two vacancies for Governors, to be appointed to join the Local Governing Board.

No previous experience is necessary and you don't have to be a parent or teacher to join.

GET INVOLVED!



Please see overleaf for more details about this opportunity and how to apply.

Warm regards - Stay Safe!

Toni Glendenning

Chair

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Braybrook Primary Academy.





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Your opportunity to join the Local Governing Board at Braybrook

Braybrook Primary Academy has two opportunities for individuals to join the Local Governing Board, which oversees the quality of education, safeguarding and use of resources at the school.

What does this involve?

Governors will meet at least once a term, and often more frequently, to review the progress the school is making and work with the school leadership to improve further. The Governors have a clear remit from Diamond Learning Partnership Trust and full support and training will be provided. Governors also have the opportunity to engage with the school through a variety of additional activities and working groups.

What is the time commitment?

Meetings are held in the early evening to allow for work commitments and may be held online or offline. You will need to allow around 2 hours every term for a meeting, plus an equivalent amount of time to prepare and read materials. Additional time commitment is at the discretion of each Governor – there will be plenty of opportunities!

Do I need any qualifications or experience?

Any member of the community can join the Local Governing Body, there is no need for any specific qualifications or experience.

Is the position paid?

Governors are volunteers, so there is no salary available for the position.

How long will I be a Governor for?

Governors are appointed for four years. However, there is no formal minimum commitment. Both the school and Governors get more out of the role when Governors remain for a longer period.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in joining the Local Governing Board, please send an email to Jackie Schad, the Clerk to the Governors. You can reach Jackie at: jschad@diamondlearningtrust.com

Please ensure Jackie receives your email by **Friday 4th December 2020**.

You should set out:

- **Your relationship with Braybrook Primary Academy and if you are a parent**
- **Why you would like to become a Governor**
- **What you would bring to the role.**



Governors will be appointed by the Trustees of the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust. We will be in touch with everyone who applies, to confirm the outcome of this process.

For an informal discussion with the current Chair, to find out more about the role, please send a message to the school office or to Jackie Schad, as above, and we will be in touch.