

We are looking for new Governors to join Pembroke Park's Governance Committee and I hope that by sharing information about my experience will encourage you to find out more about being involved.

Why did I volunteer to become a School Governor?

I had many years' experience as a Primary School Business Manager and having valued how education opens doors for children, when I left to work in my family business, I wanted to explore ways of staying connected to the education of young

people. Governors join us from many different backgrounds and bring different areas of expertise, which is what makes our team of volunteers work so well together, benefiting the school community and enhancing the experience and opportunities for all our pupils.

What Impact do Governors Make?

The key areas for me are in support and challenge. School based colleagues have had so many changes over the last couple of years and as Governors, it's important that we offer support and challenge to school leadership. Do we always agree? No! but a shared purpose and focus on pupil outcomes ensures we come to meaningful decisions.

Am I Alone?

As well as access to a comprehensive training programme for new Governors and ongoing development for all, as part of Magna Learning Partnership (MLP), Governors are supported by Governance Professionals and will work with Governors in other schools, some in specialist areas such as SEND and Safeguarding.

What are the benefits?

As a supportive and experienced group of Governors, we support each other and dedicated school based colleagues, underpinning everyone's work towards best outcomes for the young people in our school.

What is the commitment?

We hold x6 meetings a year, in the early evening (usually on a Wednesday) during term time, some via TEAMS but mostly in person at school. Papers are shared a week prior to the meeting to give you time to read the information and formulate questions ahead of the meeting. We're a supportive Committee and there are Governance Professionals who will guide you through the induction process and arrange training and development with other Governors across MLP.

If you think you could offer us your skills and time, please contact <u>rjackson@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk</u> for more information.

Chair of Academy Governance Committee