



Management Committee Member

We are currently looking for new governors to join our friendly Management Committee. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. All school Governors serve a 4 year term. They act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to strategically oversee the running of the school. Minutes of all committee meetings are available upon request from the school office.

About the school:

Pilgrim Pathways School is an outstanding alternative provision for 4-18 year olds, which includes four centres split over two hospital sites:

- Darwin Learning Centre provides education to young people currently accessing the Darwin Centre for Young People - a Tier 4 adolescent psychiatric unit for young people from the ages of 13-17 years old with mental health difficulties.
- The Beacon Learning Centre provides education to young people currently accessing The Beacon – a complex eating disorders specialist unit for young people from 12-18 years old.
- Croft Centre provides education to young people currently accessing The Croft Children and family unit – a social, emotional and behavioural difficulties specialist unit for children aged 8-13 years old.
- Addenbrooke's Hospital education team provide education to children and young people across the Addenbrooke's site aged 4-18 years old who have physical health conditions.
- Home Treatment Team – Education provision for students not accessing school in the community who have been referred to the Home Treatment Team

Pilgrim Pathways School is currently going through some exciting developments – including the planning and shaping the development of the education provision in the New Children's Hospital at Addenbrooke's and developing our outreach service. This is an exciting time for our dynamic and unique school, and for you to join our Management Committee on our ongoing journey of delivering excellence in hospital and SEND education.

We would love to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians or other people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

Specific requirements for this school

We need a governor with experience of an education setting and/ or safeguarding, but would love to hear from you if your expertise lies outside of these areas.

Day and times of most meetings

Business and Finance Meetings are generally Thursdays 4pm-5pm

Full Management Committees are Thursdays either 4pm-6pm or 7pm-9pm

The time commitment

Approximately 10 days per year spent attending meetings, visiting the school from time-to-time and undertaking relevant training.

Why volunteer?

Volunteering as a School Governor is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience at board level as well as transferable skills that enhance performance and employability. Most of all, you will have the satisfaction of making a real difference to children's lives and helping them to realise their potential.

Contact.

If you are interested, please email or call the contact details below.

Email: office@pilgrim.cambs.sch.uk

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Carly, our School Business Officer, will put you in touch with Colleen Mc Laughlin, our Management Committee chair to arrange an initial conversation.