



St Cuthbert Mayne School

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St Cuthbert Mayne School Board of Governors



Please read the information below and contact the Clerk to the Governors to express your interest: clerktothegovernors@stcm.torbay.sch.uk

What is involved?

The three core responsibilities of governors are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its students, and for the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and ensuring that money is well spent

The Instrument of Governance for St Cuthbert Mayne School states that the governing board must be made up of 14 governors, across six categories:

- Staff Governor
- Parent Governor
- Headteacher (ex officio) Governor
- Local Authority Governor
- Foundation Governor (Roman Catholic)
- Foundation Governor (Anglican)

The role of a governor includes attending full governing board and committee meetings; reading, reviewing and approving items at a strategic level (such as policies and the school budget); attending relevant training; and carrying out regular school visits.

All governors also take a lead role in at least one area of school life, for example safeguarding.

How much spare time will I need?

There is some flexibility around the time commitment involved in being a governor. Each governor may choose to sit on one, two or three of the following sub-committees, in addition to attending meetings of the Full Governing Board.

Ethos Committee:

- Behaviour
- Christian Ethos and Church Links
- Safeguarding
- Welfare / Pastoral
- Vulnerable Students
- Attendance
- Staff Wellbeing

Resources Committee:

- Finance
- Buildings
- Health and Safety
- Human Resources

Standards Committee:

- Data
- Assessment
- Curriculum
- Teaching and Learning
- SEND
- Most Able
- Children in Care
- Disadvantaged Students (Pupil Premium)

School visits should take place at least once per half term.

What is the school like?

St Cuthbert Mayne School is a joint Roman Catholic and Anglican school situated in Torquay, Devon. It is an inclusive school with a strong ethos, where every child is considered a gift from God.

Message from Mr James Down, Headteacher:

It is my firm belief that the best education combines high standards of academic achievement with strong moral guidance, spiritual reflection and personal development. Education should provide opportunities for every child to succeed in a variety of ways, preparing young people for a future in which they can thrive in their chosen career paths, as well as becoming responsible, caring citizens.

Furthermore, learning should be engaging; students should feel happy and safe; and every individual should experience success. We work hard at St Cuthbert Mayne to achieve this for our students.

St Cuthbert Mayne School is proud of its ethos, its all-round high standards and its strong emphasis on personal development. Our Mission Statement is based on 'Christ is our Cornerstone' and 'Learning is our Focus'. This is underpinned by our core values: integrity, courage, compassion and creativity. We offer families the opportunity of an exceptional education within a strong Christian context.

I believe that St Cuthbert Mayne School is a very special place. I am proud of our wonderful students, the dedicated staff, and the supportive parents and governors.

Please click on this link to access the [School website](#)

The school was judged as a 'Good' school at the most recent Ofsted inspection, and received the highest judgement at the most recent Section 48 (SIAMS) inspection.

The Governing Body

[Meet the Governors](#)

Are there any vacancies on the board?

- Roman Catholic Foundation Governor
- Local Authority Governor

Who is eligible?

All persons are eligible to become a school governor, except those indicated below.

A person is disqualified from holding, or continuing to hold, office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- is included on the list of people considered by the Secretary of State to be unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to consent to an enhanced DBS disclosure when requested by the governing board, in line with statutory requirements;
- fails to attend governing board meetings, without the consent of the governing board, for a continuous period of six months (not applicable to ex-officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order, interim bankruptcy restrictions order, debt relief order or interim debt relief order;
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986;
 - a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002;
 - an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order);

- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commission or the High Court on grounds of misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body.

Parent Governors

You cannot become a parent governor if you are:

- an elected member of the County Council;
- employed at the school for more than 500 hours in the academic year.

Co-opted Governors

You cannot become a co-opted governor if you are:

- a registered pupil at the school.

Local Authority Governors

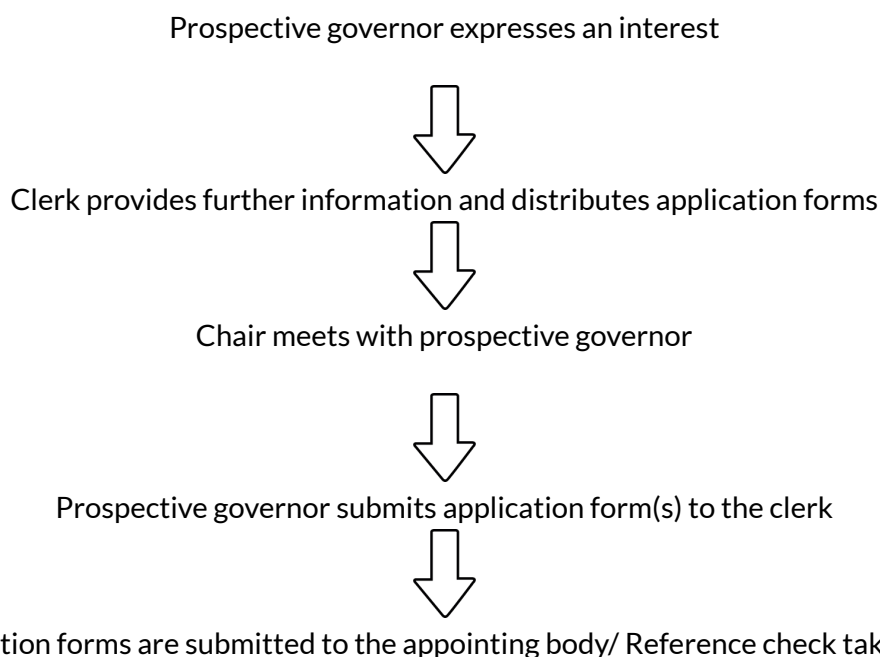
You cannot become a Local Authority governor if you are:

- employed at the school (i.e. eligible to be a staff governor).

What happens next?

If you are considering applying to become a school governor at St Cuthbert Mayne School please contact our clerk to the governors on clerktothegovernors@stcm.torbay.sch.uk. We would like to thank you for your interest in supporting the school.

The process that follows is outlined below:





Governor is appointed and begins their term



Governor attends induction training and returns statutory forms to the clerk

Useful Links

Useful links for governors

- [Equality Act - advice for schools](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- [Working together to safeguard children](#)
- [DfE Governance Guidance](#)