



# Stone Bay Special School

## Broadstairs

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## Seeking Volunteer Governors

Stone Bay School are seeking volunteer governors for the following roles:

- Local Authority (LA) Governor
- Foundation Governor
- Coopted Governors (appointed by the full governing board)
- Parent Governor (specifically a parent/carer of a pupil at the school)

Our governors provide a wealth of vision, ethos and strategic direction to our school as a whole. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors provide three main aims:

- helping to set out long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.
- look at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.
- examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

No qualifications are required to become a volunteer governor, however the most important qualities for a governor are commitment to the welfare and achievement of the children, a desire to make a positive contribution to the school, common sense, and a willingness to commit to the role. Many of the functions of the governing body are statutory, or have a legal framework. To carry out our core strategic roles, governors need to be able to think strategically, challenge, monitor, but also support.

*“Getting it right for every student”*



Usually, governors sit on a committee or become a link governor for an area they have knowledge of, or are particularly interested in – for example, the finance committee or the SEND link governor, safeguarding or parent governor.

As a school for complex special needs our children range from 4-19 years old, they present as the most vulnerable in our educational community and require strong guidance, safeguarding and the ability to strive to our school mission:

### Vision and Values

Our school vision is to provide an *outstanding, nurturing, learning environment*, where all our pupils can achieve their full potential and progress to lead happy and fulfilling lives.

Our mission is to provide each and every pupil with the best possible education, delivered in an environment that is supportive, caring and safe.

### *“Getting it right for every pupil”*

At Stone Bay we focus on *Evolving Excellence* in all that we do, working towards making our school the best it can be for pupils, staff and families. We are creating lasting *Trust* with all our stakeholders, *Empowering* each other to learn and grow. By adhering to policies and clear processes we ensure *Fairness* and transparency in our decision making and actions, whilst ensuring we are *Collaborating* with others and always looking for ways to help each other to deliver excellence for our pupils.

As a school governor you will become part of our school community and bring with you your strengths and knowledge which will become crucial to the running of our school. Full training is available to all our governors either in person or online which enables our governors to develop their knowledge of the school and what will be expected of them.

Our Full Governing Board commit to six afternoon meetings per academic year (usually one meeting per term) from 1.00pm until the end of the meeting which can be between 2-4hrs depending on the meeting agenda. A governor is expected to complete a term of office for a minimum of four years.

We welcome governors from a diverse range of backgrounds, skills and experience to join our team. You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DSB) checks. If you would to find out more about our school and our governors, please visit [Stone Bay School Website](#)

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The experiences of a governorship look great on any CV, and can create career opportunities in the future.

If you believe this could be something you could commit too, please take a look at our Governor video [The role of school governors and trustees](#) or if you would like more information please take a look at [Welcome to School Governance](#). If you have further questions or you would like to show your interest, please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager [mbarber@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk](mailto:mbarber@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk)

If you would like to apply for this interesting and vital role as a voluntary school governor, please contact the school direct on Tel: 01843 863421 or email [office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk)

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