



Diocese of Chichester

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CUCKFIELD



FOUNDATION GOVERNORS - NOMINATION GUIDANCE

What are foundation governors?

Our Church of England Schools are provided by the Church (The Foundation). In the Diocese of Chichester there are over 150 schools within the maintained system.

There is a legal framework to safeguard the Church of England character of the school. Foundation Governors play a central role in this. In Voluntary Aided schools they are appointed by both the Diocesan Board of Education and Parochial Church Councils. In Voluntary Controlled schools they are appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education.

In addition to Foundation Governors there are LEA appointed governors and elected parent, teacher and staff governors.

What are the requirements of you as a Foundation Governor?

As a Foundation Governor you will be appointed for a four year term of office. You must show Christian and Church commitment by:

- being a practising member of a Church of England community - ideally the local one;
- having a genuine belief in the value and importance of Church of England schools; and
- supporting the policies of the Diocesan Board of Education regarding Church of England schools.

In addition, you must:

- be willing to serve the school and contribute your own area of expertise;
- develop awareness of the role of the Governor;
- have an ability and willingness to work as a team member;
- be prepared to attend regularly at meetings;
- be prepared to attend appropriate Governor Training Courses.

What do Governors do?

Governors work with the Headteacher to:

- maintain and foster the Mission of the Church of England school;
- interview and appoint staff;
- monitor the school curriculum;
- look after the school buildings;
- allocate and monitor the school budget;
- foster good relations with parents, the community and local church.

Grounds for disqualification

You are not allowed to become a Foundation Governor if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy order;
- have received a criminal conviction;
- are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young people.

Governors at Holy Trinity CE(A) School Cuckfield

The Instrument of Government of Holy Trinity CE(A) School Cuckfield states that:

“recognising its historic foundation, the School will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.” It continues:

“The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers all its pupils.”

To meet these objectives the Governing Body at Holy Trinity School comprises 14 governors, eight of whom are foundation governors, two are parent governors, one is an LEA governor and three are staff governors.

Of the eight Foundation Governors, five are elected by the PCC and at least two of these must be a parent or guardian of a child registered at the School. Two are elected by the Diocesan Board of Education upon the recommendation of the PCC and at least one of these must be a parent or guardian of a child registered at the School. The eighth Foundation Governor is the Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield.

How to apply

Vacancies for Foundation Governors are advertised widely and well in advance both within the Church community and within the School. The advertisements make clear whether the vacancies are for PCC or Diocesan Foundation Governors and whether or not nominations need to come from parents or guardians of a child registered at the School.

Completed and nomination forms should be signed and returned to:

The PCC Secretary
Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield
Church Office, The Old School
Church Street, Cuckfield
West Sussex, RH17 5LA

PCC Foundation Governor nominations will be considered by the PCC and decisions will be indicated by the signature of the Incumbent. Diocesan Foundation Governor nominations will be considered by the PCC and recommendations passed to the Diocesan Board of Education for approval and signature by the Archdeacon of Horsham.

Nomination forms (attached) must be received by the closing date in the advertisement.

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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR NOMINATION HOLY TRINITY CE(A) SCHOOL CUCKFIELD

Application for:	Diocesan Foundation Govr. / PCC Foundation Govr. / Both
Parent/guardian of a pupil registered at the school?:	Yes / No
Full Name of Nominee:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

1. Please describe the Christian commitment and Church involvement of the nominee.

[please continue on separate sheet as necessary]

2. Please identify any experience and expertise the nominee could bring to the governing body of the school.

[please continue on separate sheet as necessary]

I confirm that I have read and understood the Christian commitment and other requirements of the role of Foundation Governor and wish to be nominated.

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

This nomination has been approved by the PCC to take effect on:

Signature of Parish Priest:

Date:

Approved by the Archdeacon*:

Date:

*[*Diocesan Foundation Governors only]*