



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School

VACANCIES

Foundation Governors

Closing date for applications: 31st March 2026

We currently have two vacancies for Foundation Governors on the Governing Body. Expressions of interest are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth to diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff.

Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors for:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In addition to this, foundation governors are appointed specifically to ensure:

- that the religious character of the school is preserved;
- that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed; and
- that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for this Diocese

The school would benefit from people with experience in one or more of the following: accountancy, legal, contracts, project/facilities management, strategic planning, public sector or charity governance.

Anyone interested in the mission of foundation governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

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