

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we currently have vacancies for three Parent Governors. Contained in this letter are details of these opportunities.

This is an exciting time for the development of our school. Our vision is to create a school which keeps the strengths of our existing provision in terms of community cohesion, inclusion, ethos and culture whilst improving our student outcomes by increasing academic challenge. We see this being delivered within the support of a Multi-academy trust where ideas and resources can be pooled and shared. In modern schooling, Governors play a critical role in helping to provide support and challenge for the work of the school.

The work of Governors is very varied in terms of responsibilities. They have an overriding responsibility for ensuring the direction of the school is sound and that suitable progress is being made in all aspects of its work. They also have statutory duties to ensure that national and local legislation is implemented, that policies are in place and acted upon and that the school is efficient and maximises the use of its budget. In terms of commitment, the minimum time that this work takes is through attendance at five Full Governing Body meetings per year and five meetings of one of our sub committees. Meetings start at 6.00pm and are usually held on Wednesday evenings. There will, occasionally, be additional meetings and Governors receive general invitations to school events, although there is no expectation that Governors attend these. I hope I have not put anyone off too much so far, because the work of Governors is very interesting and gives those involved a real insight into educational issues and challenges. Governors can be sure that their work really does make a difference and impacts upon the quality of education that children receive.

We would particularly welcome parents standing for election who have expertise in either. Human Resources, Marketing or Estate Management, however, if you do not have experience in any of these areas we would still welcome an application from you.