

We're looking for Parent Governors

Do you have...

- 1 An interest in improving the futures of all children?
- 2 A desire to make a difference?
- 3 A willingness to accept responsibility?
- 4 The ability to work in a team, ask questions, listen and learn?
- 5 A belief in our co-operative values?

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Role and Responsibilities

As a parent governor you'll hold the unique position of offering a parental viewpoint. Through your children you'll have first hand experience of the learning and how the school is perceived from the parent point of view. You'll be able to bring this voice to the strategic management of the academy.

A parent governor is a representative of all parents. As a parent governor you should not vote in a particular way because you've been asked to do so by parents. Objectivity is a must.

You're not there to promote the interests of your own child but all children. Parent governors are elected by other parents and it's important to establish a relationship with the parents that elected you, whilst continuing to maintain a strategic approach to school governance.

Time Commitment

It's really important that those considering standing for election make sure they have sufficient time to devote to their role as a Governor.

The Full Governing Body meets at least three times per year (once every term). The Governing Body also has two main sub-committee meetings. They meet at least three times per year (once every term aswell). The meetings take place on a weekday at the school at 5.00 pm.

Governors are also asked to attend other meetings as and when things in the academy may occur, for example to carry out deeper investigation in to specific issues as they arise. These meetings can take place before, during or after the school day.

Each Governor is also linked to at least one subject within the curriculum and will need to be able to devote time during the school day at least twice per year to meet with the relevant Curriculum Team Leader. Governors are also invited to attend school events.



Effective governors will:

- offer support to the Headteacher and Leadership Team
- act as a critical friend (support and accountability)
- help to decide the priorities for improving the school
- make themselves available to parents and listen to other parents' opinions and take account of them as you contribute to governors' decisions
- work in partnership with the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and cooperatively with other governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children
- prepare for meetings by reading papers beforehand
- take responsibility for their own learning and development as a governor including attending training
- attend full governing body and relevant committee meetings promptly, regularly, and for the full time
- read briefings and newsletters for governors; present a balanced view of issues representing different sections of the community
- promote the interests of the school in the wider community
- be loyal to the decisions made by the governing body
- respect the confidentiality of governing body affairs
- never promise to 'solve a problem' on their own
- never press their own child's case at the expense of others
- declare an interest and withdraw from any meeting where they, a partner or close relative or associate stands to gain, or where they are so close to a matter discussed it is difficult to be impartial
- have regard to the broader responsibilities as a governor of a public institution in regard to promoting accountability for the actions and performance of the governing body

How to register your interest and what next?



Visit www.coopacademies.co.uk/parentgovernor and register your interest. We'll then get in touch!



If more than one parent expresses an interest, there will be an election and all parents will have the opportunity to vote.

If you're successful we'll get you to fill in our declarations forms, and apply for your DBS certificate.



You'll attend your first meeting where you'll observe the governing body and learn about what happens at the meetings.



Finally, you'll be a representative on the governing body for up to four years, before another election must take place.

