



EXPECTATIONS OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

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Any* parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school at the time of the election is eligible to stand for election as a parent governor. Parent governors may continue to hold office until the end of their term of office, even if their child leaves the school.

Parent governors are elected to the board rather than appointed (unless there are fewer volunteers than vacancies).

SUMMARY OF THE ROLE:

To bring a parental perspective to discussions and decisions made by the governance board. To not speak on behalf of the parent body or influence decision making in favour of your child(ren) but to use your perspective, as a parent, to help the board make good decisions and maintain a link between the governance of the school and the parent community.

**Parents cannot stand for appointment or election if they are elected members of the Local Authority or paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12 consecutive months.*

THE EXPECTATION OF THE PARENT GOVERNOR IS TO:

- Help to decide the strategic priorities, vision and ethos which will be embedded in the school.
- Hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff.
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and ensure that money is well spent.
- Declare any conflicts of interest and withdraw from governance discussions to ensure the board decision making is impartial.
- Be loyal to decisions made by the governing board as a corporate body.
- Respect confidentiality of information shared by the governance board.
- Prepare for meetings by reading relevant paperwork and preparing questions.
- Take responsibility for your own learning and development by attending relevant training sessions.
- To only speak or act on behalf of the board if you have agreement from the board to do so.
- Uphold the schools' reputation in public and private communications.

For further information contact the Chair of Governors at your school.





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