

Building the bridge to success together



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Dear Parent

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

I am writing to you to inform you about becoming a Parent Governor on the Local Governing Body ('LGB').

Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. Effective governors do not need expertise in education but do need to be committed to their school, willing to ask questions and offer appropriate challenge and support.

The LGB welcomes nominations from any individuals, but we would welcome the addition of the following skills to our LGB: premises & buildings management /health and safety

Governors need to be able to work as an enthusiastic member of the governing body team with the aim of raising and maintaining high educational standards for all children. Governors are asked to act with integrity, honesty and objectivity and at all times in the best interests of the school.

Being a Governor is a fairly time-consuming activity, but the majority of Governors agree that the job brings many rewards, though not of the financial kind. The time commitment for Governors is attendance at a minimum of two meetings a term, and additional time spent on individual school visits and involvement in committees.

What Do Parent Governors Do?

The Parent Governors speak as parents: they can't speak for all parents and they are elected to take a strategic role in school not as a parent representative

The LGB's responsibilities affect most areas of the school. They establish, with the Senior Leadership Team, the aims and objectives for the school. They have a role in school discipline and they take part in appointing staff; they have influence over the money spent on resources and they have responsibilities in connection with the use and maintenance of the premises. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to be able to explain to the community what



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the school is trying to achieve for their children. The LGB are responsible to the Board of Trustees of Ebor Academy Trust. They must undertake a DBS check and statutory training.

How Are Parent Governors Appointed?

We take the term 'parent' to include anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as 'natural' parents. Parent Governors will serve for four years, unless they resign. They can continue in office even when their children have left the school but they must have a child in school when they are elected.

If you would like to be a Parent Governor at All Saints' CE Federation of Academies, Hessle, please complete a nomination form. Nominations should be made by completing the nomination form, and must be submitted before noon on Friday 12th March 2021. Nomination requires that each candidate provide a brief personal statement of up to 150 words in length and why they would like to be a governor. (These will be shared with all parents in the event of an election being held.) If you require a paper copy of a Nomination Form please contact the school office.

If we receive more nominations than there are places to fill, there will be a secret ballot which will be held online. The result of the Election will be communicated to all parents within seven days of the election. If you are interested in the role, please come and talk to me or any one of the current governors. Alternatively, please see this link to the National Governance Association <http://bit.ly/1m7hDgc>.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Jackson
Headteacher

THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS:

Noon on Monday 8th November 2021



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Academies: qualifications and disqualifications to serve as an academy Trustee/ Governor

A person must be aged 18 or over at the date of their election or appointment. No current pupil of the academy/one of the academies in the trust shall be a trustee/governor.

A person shall be disqualified from holding office or continuing to hold office as Trustee/Governor if:

- s/he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his own affairs;
- s/he is absent without the permission of the Trustees/ LGB from all their meetings held within a period of six months, and the Trustees/ LGB resolve that his office be vacated;
- s/he has been declared bankrupt and/or his estate has been seized from his possession for the benefit of his creditors and the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
- s/he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
- s/he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or
- s/he is subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- s/he ceases to be a Trustee/ Governor by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006;
- s/he is disqualified from acting as a Trustee/ Governor by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision); or
- s/he is otherwise found to be unsuitable by the Secretary of State;
- s/he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible; or to which he was privy; or which he, by his conduct, contributed to or facilitated;
- s/he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011;
- s/he has not provided a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997.

(Source: Guidance taken from NGA website)