

INFORMATION FOR PARENT GOVERNORS

Who Can Stand as and Vote for Parent Governors?

The definition of a parent in the Education Acts includes:

- all natural parents whether they are married or not;
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person and
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Parent Governors will serve for 4 years.

Summary of Disqualification Regulations

You may not become an Academy Governor if you:

- are a pupil at the school or under 18;
- are detained under the Mental Health Act;
- are currently subject to bankruptcy arrangements or disqualification orders or undertakings relating to insolvency or running a company;
- have been removed from office as a trustee, or from being concerned in the management of any charitable body;
- are included on any list of people whose employment with children is prohibited or restricted;
- have received a prison sentence of more than three months within the last five years, of more than two and a half years within the last twenty years, or of five years or more at any time;
- have been convicted of causing a nuisance or disturbance on educational premises and sentenced to a fine in the last five years;
- have refused a request to make an application for a DBS check.

It is a criminal offence for someone to serve as a Governor if they are disqualified.

Closing Date for Applications

The closing date for applications is Monday 15th March 2021 at 9am.

Number of Vacancies

There is one vacancy for Parent Governors. If only one application is received, then this person will be automatically elected. If there are two or more applications then a ballot will be held.

The Ballot

The Principal will issue ballot papers to all eligible parents as soon as possible after the closing date for the receipt of applications. The election statement will consist of sections 2 and 3 from the application form. The return deadline date and time should be clearly stated on the ballot papers.

The election should be held by secret ballot. Ballot papers themselves should not be signed or the voter identified in any way.

Further information will be sent out to candidates if a ballot is to take place.

Commitment of Being a Governor

The main Governing Body will meet 6 times a year at 8.30am -10.30am. The remaining meetings for this academic year are detailed below and are due to take place via Google Meet video conferencing technology in line with the current restrictions surrounding COVID-19

- 26th March 2021
- 21st May 2021
- 2nd July 2021

In addition to the main governing body, the Academy Governors are asked to be involved in other committees or be a Link Governor to part of the Academy e.g. Engineering, Pastoral.

Governance has become an increasingly important part of the OFSTED inspection. OFSTED expect that Governors have a clear strategic vision which is being implemented and that they are holding the Principal and Senior Management Team to account. The Governors should have an in depth understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the WMG Academy and be able to provide evidence to substantiate this.

The WMG Academy for Young Engineers' Governing Body has been appointed from sponsors and partners and is currently chaired by Mr Stuart Baker, Operations Executive at Rolls Royce.

We hope you find the information useful and look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact Mr E Harries, who will be more than happy to help, on 0121 289 3556 or via email, e.harries@wmgacademy.org.uk

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