



# Backwell School

An Ofsted Outstanding School  
A National Teaching School

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Dear Parent or Carer

## Election of Parent Governor

This school's governing body includes seven parent governors elected by parents. One, Mrs Amanda Hayden, is coming to the end of her term of office; however she is prepared to stand for election again. Another governor, Mr Paul Light, has decided to stand down from his role. He has served the school well and his professional skills as an accountant have been a valuable resource for the governing body.

There are therefore two parent governor vacancies to be filled, for which an election is necessary. As the parent or carer of a student at the school, you have the right to propose a candidate or to stand as a candidate yourself and to vote in any resulting election. The governing body would particularly welcome someone with a legal or building/architectural background, but the most important attribute is a commitment to the school and its students.

As you will know, the school is currently going through a process of change and is exploring joining a Multi Academy Trust. If this happens as planned the governors will become a Local Governing Body with more local responsibility for curriculum and school matters and less responsibility for policy and company matters. Governors' responsibilities are covered by insurance as long as they act in good faith and they also have limited liability in company law. The business of the governing body has remained largely unchanged since the conversion to academy status.

Candidates must be proposed and seconded and should submit a description of themselves no longer than 50 words. This will be included on the voting slip if an election is necessary. Nominations should be submitted using the form overleaf (or a photocopy of it), to be returned to the Headteacher, as Returning Officer, not later than 8.30 am on Monday, 27 November 2017.

If there are more than two candidates you will receive a voting slip together with details of the election arrangements. If there is only two candidates they will be declared elected and we will let you know the result on the website. A paper giving further details of these arrangements is available for inspection. Any query concerning the arrangements should be directed to me or the Headteacher. Please note that no-one may serve on more than two governing bodies at the same time.

The governing body usually meets five times a year on a Wednesday. In addition, each governor joins the Curriculum Committee or the Finance & Buildings Committee which meet four times a year on a Wednesday. Training courses are available online from the National Governors Association and governors are linked with a department in school and keep in contact as frequently as their own circumstances permit.

The period of office is four years, even if your child leaves the school during this time. A complete list of governors is given overleaf. If you want to know more about what is involved in being a governor please telephone me and I can either help or put you in touch with one or more current governors.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Farrier  
School Business Manager and Clerk to the Governors

**GOVERNORS AS AT 13 NOVEMBER 2017**

Elected by parents: Mrs Tania Doe, Mrs Amanda Hayden, Mrs Sarah Henderson,  
Mr Paul Light, Mrs Mary Short, Mr Joe Swanson, Dr David Turk.

Elected by staff: Mrs N Gumm, Mr Darran Lewis, Mr R Willcox.

Appointed by the governing body: Mrs Maggie Edwards, Mrs Fiona Harper, Mr Charles Hatcher,  
Mr Mark Mayler, Mr Maurice Moloney, Mr H Parker,  
Mr Jon Phillips, Mrs Jacci Ramplin.

Headteacher: Mr Jon Nunes.

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**NOMINATION FOR PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

November 2017

To be returned to the Headteacher by 8.30 a.m. on Monday 27 November 2017.

	Name	Address	Child(ren) at school	Signature
Candidate				
Proposer				
Seconder				

**Candidates are asked to attach a description of themselves, using not more than 50 words, to be circulated to parents if a ballot is necessary or if elected unopposed.**