



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 currently includes seven parent governors elected by parents. Two governors, Mrs Tania Doe and Dr David Turk, have come to the end of their term of office; however Mrs Doe is prepared to stand for election again. Dr David Turk, has decided not to stand again. They have both served the school well in their various capacities on committees and as link governors.

As you already know, the school joined the Lighthouse School Partnership Multi Academy Trust earlier this year. As a result, Backwell School Board of Governors became a Local Governing Body with more local responsibility for curriculum and school matters and less responsibility for policy and company matters. The governing body has therefore decided to take this opportunity to reduce the number of appointed and parent governors on the Board.

There is therefore one parent governor vacancy 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. Governors' responsibilities are covered by insurance as long as they act in good faith and they also have limited liability in company law.

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, 19 November 2018.

If there is more than one candidate, you will receive a voting slip together with details of the election arrangements. If there is only one candidate, 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 seven 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 5 NOVEMBER 2018

Elected by parents: Mrs Sarah Henderson, Mrs Mary Short, Mr Tim Seal, Mr Joe Swanson,
Mrs Lorraine Wakeford, 1 x vacancy.

Elected by staff: Mrs Natalie Gumm, Mr Darran Lewis, Mr Richard Willcox.

Appointed by the governing body: Mrs Maggie Edwards, Mrs Fiona Harper, Mr Charles Hatcher,
Mrs Amanda Hayden, Mr Mark Mayler, Mr Huw Parker,
Mrs Jacci Ramplin.

Headteacher: Mr Jon Nunes.

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NOMINATION FOR PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

November 2018

To be returned to the Headteacher by 8.30 a.m. on Monday 19 November 2018.

	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.