

Do YOU want to be a Parent Governor?

Parent Governors are people like you working together to improve our school. Being a parent governor can be stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding.

Our Local School Governors are drawn from all walks of life and play a key role in the success of the school. They are responsible to the Multi Academy Trust Board for the conduct of the school and they monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives. Governors also provide links to parents, the local community and industry. There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governing body and all parents will be receiving a letter by email inviting nominations to fill the vacancy.

Q Who can be a parent governor?

A Anyone who is the parent or guardian of a child currently registered at the school.

Q What skills does a parent governor need?

They need an interest in the school and in the welfare of our students and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Q What is involved?

A There are seven meetings of the local governing body during the year. Meetings are held on a Monday at 4pm. Governors are expected to know what the key actions and priorities of the academy are, to support these and monitor progress towards them. Their role is strategic rather than involving daily oversight. Paperwork is sent out in advance of the meetings and governors are expected to have read it and to come to the meetings with questions and comments.

Q Is there support?

A All governors are given training to help them and you will be expected to attend induction training. The clerk to the governors is available to give advice, explain matters and do whatever is needed to help governors meet their responsibilities.

Q How long is it for?

A Four years.

If you have the enthusiasm and desire to become closely involved in the running of the school then please consider putting yourself forward. If you require further information about the role of a parent governor, please email Sue Robinson, Clerk to the local governing body at: susanrobinson@shoeburyness.southend.sch.uk

Useful link to National Governors Association:

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>