



An Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Academy Council of Worle Community School – An Academy has a vacancy for two Parent Governors. As a parent/carer of a student attending our school, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for consideration.

Parent Governor

A Parent Governor is a parent/carer of a student attending the school who is elected by other parents/carers to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions. In addition, it would be expected that Parent Governors bring a range of skills that will help them to contribute effectively to the work of the Academy Council.

The Responsibilities of our Academy Councils:

The overarching responsibility of all Trustees and all local governors is to be the guardians of our values.

This includes:

- Assessing the quality of education that the academy provides for our children and the impact of the staff on outcomes for children
- Supporting the academy leaders, especially the senior leaders, and holding them to account for standards in the academy
- Ensuring all TPLT policies are followed and notably assessing the quality of engagement with parents and carers
- Holding the academy to account for delivering the budget outcomes agreed with Trust Board
- Ensuring that the operational objectives are closely monitored to ensure children and staff are safe
- Ensuring that the academy contributes to the capacity of the Trust and is willing to offer and receive support from the other academies in the Trust

The expectations of Governors have increased, and therefore it is important to understand that in order to contribute effectively, all Governors will be expected to:

- Be committed to upholding the values and ethos of their school.

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- Attend and contribute to meetings of the Academy Council.
- Visit the school throughout the year in line with the visits schedule linked to driving forward improvements.
- Analyse information, make observations and be proactive in seeking ways in which the school could further enhance outcomes for all students.
- Engage in constructive discussions that will involve questioning and challenging points of view.
- Monitor the implementation of policies and guidance, ensuring that the school is working effectively within legal frameworks.
- Undertake annual training.

The list is probably longer, however this does give a flavour of the demands that the Academy Council will face.

The procedure for recruiting a parent governor is as follows:

1. A letter is sent inviting nominations from parents/carers of students attending the school.
2. Candidates complete the nomination form (within the attached document) and submit a brief summary of their knowledge and experience in areas that can contribute to effective governance, outlining their suitability for the role (100 words max). In the event of a ballot (see point 4 below), the summary will be distributed to all parents/carers in the school with the intention of helping them to make an informed choice when voting.
3. Current governors at the school may meet with you to discuss the role in further detail.
4. If there are more than two candidates, all parents/carers will be invited to cast a vote in a secret ballot to decide the individuals that in their opinion, are most suitable candidates for the role.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor for WCSA, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the Clerk to the Academy Council, Lauren Holder, via email lauren.holder@theplt.org.uk no later than 12 noon on 14 January 2022.

Yours sincerely



Jacqui Scott
Principal