



# Baines' Endowed

Church of England Primary Academy

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## Parent Governor Election



**Would you like to make a positive contribution to our school?  
Would you like to get to know our school better?**

Our Local Governing Committee is looking to elect a new Parent Governor, to join our enthusiastic team of people who care about all of the children, staff, parents and friends of Baines' Endowed.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil at Baines' from November 2021 onwards, either in the school or the nursery, can choose to stand for election, nominate or second someone else who wishes to stand, and/or can just vote to elect a Parent Governor.

Cidari Education - Multi Academy Trust, established in November 2013 is a growing education sponsor and part of the Blackburn Diocese. We are committed to providing high quality education for all children in our academies based on clearly established Christian values and principles. We currently have ten schools in the trust across Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool, and more to join our family in the coming months including schools in Lancashire. This is an exciting time to be part of an organisation putting the provision of the best education possible to allow our young people to reach their full potential at its heart.

Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of experiences with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they all volunteer to work together for the benefit of the academy and are the line between the academy and the community it serves. We are currently looking for governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the academies.
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community.
- An open and enquiring mind.
- The ability to look at issues objectively.
- Skills that would complement the local governing body.
- The confidence to ask challenging questions and join the debate.
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements.
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare for academy visits

We are particularly looking for people with the following areas of expertise:

- Experience of good teaching and learning
- School Improvement
- Legal
- Finance
- Safeguarding and Child Protection

- Our local communities

If you match the above description, and feel that you can offer one or more of the above you may just be the person we are looking for. We want people from as many backgrounds as possible.

**What we can offer you.**

- An opportunity to develop and enhance your skills and strategic management.
- The opportunity to work with a team of governors and staff to improve our academies
- Training to develop an understanding of the role of Governor
- The opportunity to make a difference.
- The opportunity to work with other governors in Cidari’s family of academies.
- An awareness of, and willingness to support and contribute to the Christian ethos of our organisation.

**What is the Local Governing Body’s Role?**

- The Local Governing Body plays a key role in:
- Setting targets for raising standards of achievement for pupils.
- Monitoring progress against targets
- Supporting and challenging the Headteacher and the performance of their staff and the academy as a whole.
- Maintaining good governance and ensuring that the school is successful.

**The Local Governing Body works as a team:**

There are a minimum of six meetings of the Full Local Governing Body each year.

Sometimes governors work together in small groups or pairs focusing on particular areas of the school’s work in more detail.

**If you would like to stand as a parent Governor:**



- please fill in the nomination form sent out on Parent App
- give information about yourself to help parents make an informed decision
- sign the form
- ask another parent to nominate you and a further parent to second you
- please complete the form by the **18th November**
- *Any person wishing to stand as a Governor, must be aware that we are required to complete an enhanced DBS check on the successful candidate.*

Once the school has received all nominations, there will be an election. **Ballot forms will be sent out to all parents on the Parent App on 19th November. Each parent will get one vote. The ballot is secret and all votes must be in by the 3rd December.**

It is important we hold the election fairly, so that parents can elect the parent representative that they want as a member of the Governing Body, to put forward their views on school life.

If you are interested in applying and would like more information about the role, please contact Mrs Rusling, or Mrs Langford, the Chair of Governors, by telephone on 01253 762532, or via email at [beadmin@cidari.co.uk](mailto:beadmin@cidari.co.uk)

This is a great opportunity to make a difference at Baines’ and get to know your school better!