



# Chesterton Primary School

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## Election of Parent Governors

Dear parent / carer,

To support our school, we are seeking to appoint two parent representatives to sit on our Local Governing Body. I am therefore writing to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of schools, their performance and the use of resources to support learning. They help to ensure that schools provide the best education they can for pupils, parents and the community. Our parent governors are valuable members of the governing body and help us to give a parent's view. They are on the governing body as representative parents, but they are not delegates and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice and training are available from various sources. If you are interested in being part of this team and have time to commit to the role, we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor. If you would like more information, please contact the school and we will answer any queries you may have.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can self-nominate, stand for election and can vote in an election (should one be necessary). A parent who works for the school for 500 hours or more, or is an elected member of the local authority, is not eligible to stand for election as a parent governor but they are permitted to vote. If insufficient parents stand for election, The Active Learning Trust can appoint nominated parents to the governing body. The term of office for a parent governor is three years.

All nominations should be sent to the school office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021. We also require a personal statement about the nominated candidate, detailing why they would like to become a governor. By Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021, we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations. If an election is necessary, we will send ballot forms home with the names of the candidates and their details. Each parent will have two votes, as there are two positions. The ballot is secret and details of how and where to vote will be relayed to you in the event of an election being held.

I hope this will be of interest to some of our parent community, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Martin  
Interim Head Teacher