

The Federation of Boldmere Schools

Cofield Road · Sutton Coldfield · B73 5SD

Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school, we have provision for two parent governors and there are currently two vacancies.

Nominations can only be accepted from parents or carers who have children registered at the school on the day that nominations close.

The governing board (GB), with the executive headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school in their strategic role, not the operational day-to-day running of the school, which is the responsibility of the senior leadership team. The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the Governing Board (GB) in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the executive headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The role of governor can be demanding but very rewarding. Parent governors serve a four years term of office and under usual circumstances, can expect to spend between 10 and 20 days a year on governance duties. These include:

- attending meetings of the GB, usually outside of school hours and contributing to GB business;
- reading reports and papers and keeping up to date on the progress that the school is making; and
- visiting the school from time to time during the school day.

You will be expected to, undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, sign a governors' Code of Conduct and have:

- a strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children
- the inquisitiveness to question and analyse;
- the willingness to learn;
- good inter-personal skills;
- appropriate levels of literacy in English (unless a GB is prepared to make special arrangements); and
- sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.
- A clear understanding of strategic development

In addition to be above, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills:

- an analytical eye
- ability to evaluate effectively
- a commitment to strive for better performance
- empathy
- a strategic higher level thinking ability
- be able to challenge effectively
- an ability to hold difficult conversations alongside effective use of collaboration.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list of the skills required to become an effective member of our very successful GB. We want the best applicants for the two parent vacancies we have, so that the successful applicants are complementing and adding to the current skills set of our GB. Training is available for all governors and the GB has an expectation that those new to school governance attend the free induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours in any consecutive 12 month period or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than 25th May 2021. You may also include a personal statement to support your nomination. There is no limit on the length of this statement, however, we encourage candidates to be succinct when setting out the skills, experience and attributes that they can bring to the GB to support their nomination. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot on a date to be announced. If a ballot is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

To find out more about our school's governing board (ie frequency of meetings etc) and the GB's code of conduct please contact me via email: bdewsbery@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,



Miss Becky Dewsbery
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Federation of Boldmere Schools

Enc. Nomination form
Governor disqualification details

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