

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear parents/carers

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the Local Governing Board of Great Sankey High School.

There are no specific qualifications required for the role but following an analysis of the results of our skills audit, we do have skills gaps around knowledge of primary or secondary educational settings and would be particularly keen to receive nominations from someone with experience in either of these areas, although this isn't a pre-requisite. To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

The core functions of the local governing board are:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- To hold senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.

The local governing board has the following key overarching areas of focus:

- Pupil/Staff wellbeing and safeguarding
- Health & Safety
- School performance and improvement
- Monitoring of the Quality of Education
- Parent and community monitoring/feedback

At Great Sankey High School, we always aim for positive and purposeful partnerships with parents, which undoubtedly bring important benefits to the pupils. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The local governing board's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that all pupils receive a high-quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team, you will work with the local governing board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the local governing board, however,

the parent governor's role is not to represent individual parents' views or to report back directly to parents and you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

Each Governor is assigned as a link to a member of Senior Leadership Team and the departments/functions that they are responsible for, so you will occasionally be required to visit the school during the day to meet with staff, or to carry out monitoring visits. Governors are also encouraged to support school events where possible.

Governors are appointed for a four-year term of office, and we offer new governors a comprehensive and supportive induction programme.

The Local Governing Board currently meets six times a year, meetings start at 5.00pm and are finished by 7.00pm. All meetings are held at the Omega Teaching Centre, Lingley Green Ave, Great Sankey.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please complete the attached form, which will need to be submitted by 3pm on Monday 14th October 2024. You can submit this in person at the school office, by post or via email to j.lewis@gshs.omegamat.co.uk

Should you have any questions about the role or wish to have an initial discussion to find out more, then please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is: Danielle.Preston@greatsankey.org

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held on Tuesday 29th October and all parents will be sent a voting paper.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Preston
Chair of Governors

Parent Governor nomination form

Please complete and return this form to the school office by no later than 3pm on Monday 14th October 2024 or via email to j.lewis@gshs.omegamat.co.uk

If you require a Word version of this document, you can download it via this link - <https://www.greatsankey.org/our-school/governance>

Candidate name:	
Candidate address:	
Candidate statement:	Please outline, in no more than 200 words, why you would like to be elected as a parent governor and reference any particular skills or experience that you feel would help you to make a valuable contribution to the local governing board.

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school.

Signed

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