

October 2022

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

I am writing to inform you of two vacancies for the role of parent governor on our local governing body.

The role of the local governing body

The school's local governing body is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational performance. Our governors are passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the local governing body to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in ensuring that the local governing body is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

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 specific skills required to ensure the governing board delivers effective governance

The governing board is keen for candidates to have previous experience of school governance if possible, however training will be provided.

Expectations of governors

The Stamford Park Trust will provide ongoing support and guidance to all members of our local governing bodies, and expect the following commitments from all members:

- High levels of attendance at meetings
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Committing to training and personal development
- Making time to visit the school

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form attached to this letter and return to the address provided by either email or post by **Friday 21st October 2022**. You can also drop this into the **school office** if this is more convenient for you.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a parent governor election will be held. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this and what this process entails.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Carolyn Wright
Head of Governance

Parent Governor Candidate Application Form

Candidate name:	
Candidate address:	
Candidate statement:	<p>In this section, outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The skills and experience you have that will benefit the school ➤ Your commitment to undertaking training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective governor <p><i>(please continue on another sheet if necessary)</i></p>

Qualifying Statement

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at:

Please tick one:

- ☐ Longdendale High School
- ☐ One of the schools in the academy trust – state which school: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

By email: c.j.wright@spt.ac.uk

By post: Carolyn Wright, Stamford Park Trust, c/o Ashton Sixth Form College, Darnton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 9RL