



Wellfield Academy

Executive Headteacher Mrs L Gwinnett
Head of School Mr J Lewis

5th October 2022

Dear Parents,

We have a few places available on our Governing Body, one of which is a position for a Parent Governor. As volunteers in a Governing Body, we work alongside the head and other leaders in both the school and Endeavour Learning Trust to ensure that the school is running effectively.

Our work primarily involves attending governing board meetings, which usually occur once a term, as well as any meetings for our committees. Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm. We have both Standards and Resources committees, which again meet on Wednesday evenings, usually 1 meeting of each committee per term. From time to time, you may be asked to sit on other, ad hoc committees which may look at pay, disciplinary issues etc, and we also ask that, at least once every year, you come into school for a Governor Visit during the school day. These visits involve us talking to staff and students about a particular focus, and they enable us to get a real insight into the way school works.

Governors are useful because we are independent from the day-to-day running of the school, and therefore give an outside perspective on issues. Ideally, the governing board will be as diverse as possible, so that everyone has different skills, knowledge, and experience to contribute to discussions. For this reason, the board usually contains members of the school staff, parents and other members of the local community who share an interest in the school and are willing to give up some free time to help.

If you think you would be interested in helping school in this way, you can apply to be a Parent Governor using the forms with this letter. We have sent a paper copy of the application form home with your child, as well as by email. Please ensure that, if you wish to stand, you get the form completed and back to the school office by Monday 17th October at 12 noon. There are certain, financial, barriers to becoming a Governor, so please check that you are not disqualified from applying by reading the criteria on the school website. The full election procedures are also available on our website here [Governors' List | Wellfield Academy](#) under the subheading Governor Elections Supporting Documents.

We hope that you will be able to think about helping the school in this way, it really is a valuable role and those who are governors get a real sense of achievement from their role.

Regards,

Helen Dicker

Chair of Governor