



Ash Grove Primary Academy

Parent Governor Information



6th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor at Ash Grove Primary Academy?

The governing board invites applications from parents or carers with any skills or background, but we particularly interested in welcoming applications from:

- people who would help us to improve our representation of the community we serve; and/or
- people with experience in leadership in education or business

Benefits of being a Parent Governor

- The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supported the school's staff.
- A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching or leading on a key school issue.
- The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

The Role and Expectations of a Parent Governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in ensuring that the board 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 or a willingness to undertake training to acquire the skills

To be a parent governor we require you to:

- attend 3 meetings of the full Board
- attend 3 governor open mornings
- independently arrange visits to the school

The Role of the Governing Board

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

If you would like to proceed and apply please complete the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible.

If there are two or more applicants and a ballot is required your Candidate Statement will be included in the papers which will be circulated to all parents/carers, so that they have something on which to base their decision and cast their vote.

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

Contact Us:

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Candidate Information Form for Parent Governor

Candidate name:	
Candidate address:	
Candidate contact number:	
Candidate email address:	
Name of child/ren at school and year group(s):	
Candidate statement:	<p><i>In this section, outline:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The skills and experience you have to share as part of the governing board</i> <i>Agree to undertake training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective governor</i>

I confirm that I am a parent/carer of a registered pupil at Ash Grove Primary Academy and I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the Articles of Association of the IPMAT

Name:

Signature:

Date: