

# HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **Governing Board: Election for Parent Governors**

I invite you to consider putting yourself forward for election as a Parent Governor on the Governing Board. Becoming a governor is very rewarding and worthwhile experience. Effective governors do not need educational expertise but do need to be committed to their school, willing to ask questions and offer appropriate challenge and support. Their input on issues such as finance, site management, marketing and curriculum development will help to influence and improve school performance. They also need to be an enthusiastic member of the Board with the aim of raising and maintaining high educational standards for all children. They are asked to act with integrity, honesty and objectivity and act at all times in the best interests of the school. As an Academy school, the Governors are employers of all staff who work on the site and the school owns its own land. This brings great responsibility. The prime focus of the Board is to develop the strategic direction of the school, be accountable to stakeholders and to ensure that financial resources are spent appropriately.

Governors also have a number of opportunities to access training to develop and enhance their knowledge and skills. They are elected or appointed to bring the experience of that individual member of the board. Once elected, parent governors are a representative but not a delegate. This means they are not expected to report back to parents on any matters relating to the school or Governing Body without prior consent from the Board.

The Governing Body welcomes all nominations. Skills and experience are particularly welcome in: fundraising, law, governance, marketing and PR, premises and buildings management and development, commercial, income generation, data analysis, finance management, local community knowledge, community services, human resource management. The main requirement is that candidates are keen and committed to serve, irrespective of skills and/or experience. Further information about the commitment and role of a governor can be gained by visiting the school website and/or the NGA website and DfE Governance Handbook at:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academy-trust-handbook>

The Board that many of you will respond by completing the nomination form below. Candidates may either self-nominate or be seconded by another parent/guardian of a pupil registered at the school. If the latter, both the proposer and seconder should indicate their support for your candidature by signing the Nomination Form below. Completed nomination forms should be emailed to Karen Goodall at [GoodallK@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:GoodallK@hendonschool.co.uk) by 9am on Thursday 28th November 2024. Nominees are requested to submit a brief profile of **up to 150 words** which will be circulated with the voting papers should a ballot be necessary.

The Board hope you will consider standing as a governor yourself or nominating someone else. If you wish to discuss the role of parent Governor, in confidence, with a serving member, please contact Louise Varley at [varleyl@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:varleyl@hendonschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Community Governor