



BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR AT APPLETON ACADEMY



There is currently **one** parent governor vacancy on the Local Advisory Board of the school. Parent governors are elected by parents of registered pupils at the school.

As the parent, carer or other person with parental responsibility for a pupil at the school you can stand for election and vote, unless you are effected by general restrictions preventing people from becoming governors (the list of restrictions is included overleaf).

If you are interested in being a parent governor, you may nominate yourself for the position.

Simply complete the nomination form and return it to the school by Friday 20 September 2024.

If you put yourself forward and no ballot is necessary, following the deadline for nominations, you will be elected unopposed to serve as a parent governor (subject to meeting the criteria for the vetting processes that will be undertaken ahead of your appointment).

If more parents want to become governors than there are vacancies, a ballot will be held. Ballot papers and details of the election process will be sent to all parents and carers eligible to vote.

You are invited to provide a statement to support your nomination as a parent governor (see the attached nomination form). If a ballot is held, this statement will be included on the ballot paper to help other parents decide who to vote for.

If you are elected as a governor, your term of office will be four years; however, you can resign at any time if required. If your child leaves the school you can continue as a governor until the end of your term of office.

Please note that being a governor brings considerable responsibility for the proper management of the school and the protection of children and, therefore, the successful candidate will be required to complete a criminal records check.

THE DEFINITION OF “PARENT” INCLUDES

- All natural parents, whether they are married or not; and
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has *parental responsibility* for a child or young person; and
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person (having care of a child or young person means that a person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child, is considered to be a parent in education law).

ELIGIBILITY TO BE A GOVERNOR

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as an academy governor if that person:

- is a registered pupil;
- is under the age of 18 at the date of appointment or election;
- has been declared bankrupt and/or their estate has been seized from their possession for the benefit of their creditors and the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
- is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he by his conduct contributed to or facilitated;
- has, at any time, been convicted of a Serious Criminal Offence;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people;
- is barred from any regulated activity relating to children;
- is disqualified from working with children or from registering for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;
- has been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to consent to any checks (such as a criminal records certificate) required by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Funding Agreement, the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 or otherwise; or is found to be unsuitable to be a Trustee by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Funding Agreement or the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014.



