



# Parent Governor Vacancy

## Have you got:

- An interest in education?
- Dedication to promote high standards of attainment?
- The ability to work as a team to meet the school's aims and objectives?
- An interest in using your skills to offer opinions and solutions to topics and challenges?

**Then you could have what it takes to join the largest volunteer group in the country, working with others to get the best for our children by becoming a Parent Governor.**



## Governors are:

- Parents of children who go to the school
- Teachers
- Support staff
- People connected with the local community
- People with the right skills
- Headteachers

## What does the role involve?

Governor volunteers work alongside the school's senior leadership team to set targets, formulate school policy and plan for future development. Governors do not manage the day to day running of a school, but they do set the framework which should ensure the school is running effectively.



The three core functions of a governing body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.



## Expertise needed?

There are no specific skill requirements for the role. However, schools do benefit and are increasingly interested in volunteers from the Finance, Legal, Business, Marketing, HR and Construction sectors. On appointment, governors receive an induction pack.

## Term of Office

A term of office is for a period of up to four years. If the child of a Parent Governor leaves the school the governor can complete their term of office, unless he/she chooses to resign.

## Interested?

There is currently a vacancy/ies at your child's school for a Parent Governor(s). If you are interested, please complete the nomination form overleaf and return it to the Headteacher within 14 days.

If you require any additional information on the role of a governor, please contact the School & Governor Support Service at email [Governor.Admin@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:Governor.Admin@stockton.gov.uk)

You can also find out further detail at [www.stockton.gov.uk/governors](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/governors)



# Nomination Form for Parent Governor

Please read the regulations detailed below carefully to ensure you are eligible for nomination prior to completing the application.

- a) be a parent\* of a registered pupil at the school;(\*parent includes any person who is not the parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for him/her or who has care of the child);
- b) obtain the support of 2 Parents each from different families with a child who is attending the same school;
- c) be aged 18 years or over at the time of his/her election or appointment;
- d) not be disqualified for any of the reasons stated below.

### Disqualifications

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they:

- a) are an elected member of the Local Authority
- b) work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12-month period (at the time of election or appointment).

### There are a number of criteria preventing certain persons being appointed as a governor:

- You must be aged 18 or over at the date of this election or appointment;
- You must not be the subject of a debt relief restriction order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- You must not have had your estate sequestrated (temporarily repossessed) and the sequestration has not been annulled or reduced;
- You must not have been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- You must not be subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- Your appointment is subject to an enhanced DBS check;
- You must not be disqualified from being the proprietor of any independent school or from being a teacher or other employee in any school;
- In the five years, prior to becoming a governor, you must not have received a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or otherwise, for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine; or have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on education premises;
- In the twenty years prior to becoming a governor, you must not have been convicted as aforesaid of any offence and had passed on you a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than two and a half years;
- You must not, at any time, have had passed on you a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than five years.

Any personal information provided on this form will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and used solely for the purpose for which you provide it. This information will be shared where we have lawful reason to do so and destroyed when it is no longer required for this purpose. For more information on how we use your personal data please view our Privacy Notice.

### Details of Nominee (in capitals)

School: .....

Name: .....(Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev)

Address: .....

Telephone Number:..... Email.....

Parent of (Name of child/ren): ..... Signature .....

### Details of two Parent Supporters of your application

1. Name: ..... 2. Name: .....

Address: ..... Address: .....

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Parent of (name of child/ren) ..... Parent of (name of child/ren) .....

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