

To all parents/carers of students at Outwood Primary Academy Darfield

Dear Parent/Carer

NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

The Academy is seeking nominations for a Parent Governor to sit on the Local Academy Council of Outwood Academy Darfield. If you would like to put yourself forward for this position you will need to complete the attached nomination form and return it to the Academy no later than Friday 27 October 2023.

If on the closure for nominations there is more than one nominee, then an election will be held. Details of the election will be forwarded to all parents/legal guardians/carers and voting papers will be distributed to all parents/legal guardians/carers entitled to vote if this is required.

If it is necessary to proceed to election, then the nominees are entitled to provide a statement of up to 200 words in support of their nomination to all voters. Therefore, if you wish to provide a statement, this should be included with your nomination form.

I have also included with this letter further information about what the role of Governor involves from an experienced Chair of Academy Council. If you have any queries regarding the election process or the role of Parent Governor, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Barr
Head of School

OUTWOOD GRANGE ACADEMIES TRUST

NOMINATION PAPER

(For the election of a Parent Representative)

Name of Nominee (Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Home Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____
(In acceptance of the nomination)

Date: _____

NOTES:

- 1 The Returning Officer shall be the Company Secretary
- 2 The Nomination Paper must be completed in full and returned to the Company Secretary no later than 27 OCTOBER 2023

RECRUITING FOR PARENT GOVERNORS

We are hoping to recruit new Parent Governors. The role of Parent Governor does not require any special skills, just a wish to work with the school to provide a happy, safe and forward-looking place for our Children to be the best they can be.

Academy Councils are a small friendly group of people who want to work for the children. Parent governors are a core part of a school's Academy Council. The role is voluntary and will appeal to parents who want to make a positive impact on their child's education and school life. The outcome is indirect, since the governor role has little interaction with the pupils or with daily school life but is much more "behind the scenes". Although we do make classroom visits and attend events.

The school's Academy Councils typically consists of:

- 3 - Sponsor Governors (up to 6)
- 2 - Parent Governors
- The Principal
- 1 - Staff Teacher governors
- 1 - Staff Support Staff Governors

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children. Now the governing body is looking for governors who have children at the school who would like to give a little time to the children and the school. Governors need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team and to be able to question.

Our governing body expects governors to;

- attend termly meetings of the full governing body, which is three per year and a couple of regional meeting.
- visit the school on classroom visits (a couple a year), learning walks to look at the work the children are doing and for special occasions (like Curriculum Awards).
- visit the school informally as and when to look round.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please contact the Head of School.