

Thursday 22nd November 2018 - An Invitation to stand for Parent Governor



Dear Parent,

The role of a school governor is extremely important and many essential decisions about this school are taken by our Governing Body. School governors work together with the school leadership team to continually improve the education for every child at our school. Our school governors have 3 core functions.

They:

1. Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of our school;
2. Hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of our school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
3. Oversee the financial performance of our school and make sure its money is well spent.

There is now 1 vacancy for a parent governor. You are invited to stand for election as a parent governor.

All eligible parents, regardless of skills and experiences, are able to stand for election. Croydon schools have governors from all walks of life, from different ethnic groups and all age groups over 18 years old. Very few people cannot be governors.

On the declaration of eligibility form is a list of statements which if apply would prevent someone from becoming a school governor.

The appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Therefore, if successful, you will be required to complete an application to the DBS for an enhanced DBS check. If you would like to stand for election as a parent governor or if you would like to nominate someone else, please complete the relevant section on the nomination form enclosed. If you wish to nominate someone else you will need first need to check that they have a child at this school and that they are willing to be a school governor

Each person standing for election must prepare a short personal statement stating why they wish to stand for election. These statements will be circulated to parents with the ballot papers. Each person will also need to sign the declarations, as we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Nomination forms, personal statements and declarations must reach me by **3.30pm on Friday 7th December 2018.**

Any nominations received after this date and time will not be considered. If I receive more than **two** nominations a ballot will be arranged.

Yours sincerely

Mary Berkeley-Agyepong
Acting Headteacher

Parent Election Nomination Form

To nominate yourself please complete Part A.

To nominate someone else complete Part B yourself and ask them to complete Part C.

Part A

I wish to stand for election as Parent Governor. My child attends this school.

Signed Print Name.....Date.....

Child's Name and class:.....

Part B

I wish to nominate for election as parent governor

Signed Print Name..... Date.....

Part C

I am prepared to stand for election as parent governor. I have a child at this school

Signed Print Name..... Date

Child's Name and class:.....

Personal Statement from

Why I would like to become a parent governor

The declaration of eligibility, the nomination form and the personal statement must be returned to the Head Teacher by **3.30pm on Friday 7th December 2018.**

Parent Governor Declaration of Eligibility

I declare that I am not disqualified from serving as a school parent governor and that:

- I am aged 18 or over and not a registered pupil at the school.
- I am not an elected member of the local authority.
- I am not paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period.
- I do not already hold a governorship of the same school.
- I am not the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief restriction order or an interim debt relief restriction order.
- I have not had my estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.
- I am not subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under either the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.
- I am not subject to an order made under section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- I have not been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body.
- I am not included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999).
- I have not been subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002.
- I am not barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3(2) of the Safe Guarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.
- I have not been disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care.
- I have not been disqualified from working with children under sections 28, 29 or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.
- I have not been disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 or Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006.
- I have not received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) in the UK or elsewhere, for a period greater than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor.*
- I have not received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor.*
- I have not at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more.*
- I have not been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises (section 547 of EA 1996) or on educational premises (Section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992) during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor.
- I understand that I will be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office if I refuse a request by the clerk governing body clerk to make an application for a criminal records certificate (Section 113B of the Police Act 1997).

Signed:.....Print Name:.....

Date:.....

Please Note: A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be required.

*any conviction by or before a court outside the UK, of an offence which under UK law would not have constituted an offence will be disregarded