

4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Board

I am writing to inform you of two vacancies for the role of parent governor on the board at Newhouse Academy.

The role of the governing board

The academy's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and is committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you will work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, however, you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor, you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance

The governing board is keen for candidates to have skills in the areas of finance and/or SEND, however, this is desirable rather than obligatory.

Expectations of governors

A governor's term of office is 4 years. During an academic year, there are usually 3 meetings of the full governing board, plus sub-committee meetings, so you should expect to attend at least 6, early evening meetings, per year.

We would expect you to maintain strict confidentiality in all matters, be committed to some training, and, be willing for the academy (as part of its safeguarding procedures) to apply for a DBS check and Section 128 check on your behalf.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying to become a parent governor at Newhouse Academy, please complete the candidate form, which can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dK2tYiMhRhFAA4yxw1cjQgNYXH4BXpN4di4enyExSkk/edit> You should do this by **Friday 11th February 2022**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, an election will be carried out and we will let you know if this is the case.

Should you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please telephone the academy on 01706 369436.

Yours faithfully



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