

25th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT LOCAL GOVERNORS

I am writing to you to inform you about an election of Parent Local Governors for Fulford School. The Local Governing Body, when it is complete, comprises of eleven Local Governors of which two will be elected by the parents. There are currently two Parent Local Governor vacancies within school. Parent Local Governors will serve for four years, unless they resign during their term of office. They can continue in office even when their children have left the school in order to complete their term.

The Local Governing Body also comprises of:

- Staff Local Governors (appointed by staff body)
- Co-opted Local Governors (appointed by the Local Governing Board, with approval of the Chair of the Board of Trustees)
- The Headteacher (*ex officio*)

What do local governors do?

School Governors are responsible for strategic leadership and accountability within schools. In practise this means that governing bodies are responsible for such things as setting a range of school policies and ensuring they are adhered to; setting and monitoring the school budget; monitoring the progress that the school is making and setting targets for school improvement. Governors are not involved in the operational running of the school. The daily management of the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher.

Do Parent Local Governors have special responsibilities?

No, Parent Local Governors do not have extra duties. Local Governors work as a team, with shared responsibilities. The Parent Local Governors speak as parents: they can't speak for all parents.

How are Parent Local Governors appointed?

We take the term 'parent' to include anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as 'natural' parents.

If we receive more nominations than there are places to fill, there will be a secret ballot and I will send ballot forms (1 per parent irrespective of the number of children you have). The form explains how votes may be cast.



If the number of nominations we receive is the same as the number of places to be filled, then those people will be declared appointed. If there are fewer, they will be declared appointed and the Local Governing Board will be responsible for filling any vacancies by inviting a parent of a child at the school to become a Parent Local Governor.

Parent Local Governors must be people who have children at the school when they are elected. Applicants should also have a strong belief in continually improving the quality of education of children at school and have the time to commit to attend training and local governing body meetings. If you decide you wish to stand for election it is necessary to get two parents at the school to propose and second your nomination.

If you are not able to stand for election, you may know of someone who is and parents with children at the school can nominate another parent for election. You can obtain a nomination form from the school and, having signed it yourself and obtained the signatures of the seconder and of the person you are nominating, return the form to me by Friday 18th February 2022. You can nominate as many parents as there are seats to fill but you need a nomination form for each.

Result of the Election

The names of those elected will be displayed at Fulford School for 21 days and will be included in the next edition of the school newsletter.

If you have a query about the election, please contact Fulford School on 01904 633300.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Lewis", written in a cursive style.

Steve Lewis
CEO, SYMAT
Head Teacher, Fulford School

THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

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