

Stephenson Way Academy & Nursery School

Parent Governor Vacancy



22nd March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a new parent governor to join our Local Governing Body. At present, we have one vacancy, which is open to all parents and carers of children currently registered at our school.

To become a governor, you must:

- Be over the age of 18.
- Not have been made bankrupt.
- Not be subject to a company director disqualification order.

We are looking for a candidate who has a keen interest in educational settings and who has had experience of working in a school environment either employed or voluntary.

Being a governor will afford you the opportunity to help shape and guide the progress of Stephenson Way Academy & Nursery School through the next stage of its development. We are looking for a parent governor who is enthusiastic and willing to learn about the role. The role is about ensuring that the pupils get the very best education possible and this will involve you in talking about teaching and learning, the progress made by pupils and the school's budget.

You must be able to commit enough time to attend the termly meetings and take part in other activities related to the role. The term of office is for four years but you can, of course, resign before this ends. The new parent governor will be made to feel very welcome and the current governors and school leaders will very much appreciate the insights and opinions from a governor who sees the school from a parental point of view.

If you are interested in the role, you will need to ensure that you are eligible to stand as a parent governor. The definition of "parent" includes:

- all natural parents, whether they are married or not: and
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and
- "Parent" is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18". It includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

If you wish to stand as a candidate for this rewarding but challenging role, please could you:

- complete the nomination form attached and get your nomination supported by another parent/carers who has a child registered at our school;
- write a brief statement (max of 150 words), explaining why you would like to be a parent governor and what skills you will bring to the role.

- place both the form and the written statement inside a sealed envelope (labelled 'Parent Governor Nomination') and return to the school office by no later than Friday 1st April 2022

If more than one person submits a nomination form, which meets the requirements outlined, a vote will need to take place and I will provide more details of this shortly after the closing date/time for nominations.

Please note that any appointment will be subject to a satisfactory DBS safeguarding check and Section 128 check related to anyone *involved in the management of a setting*.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely.

Mrs T Page
Headteacher

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- is detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 during their period of office;
- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex-officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order;
- has had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to: – a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986 – a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 – a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 – an order made under Section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- has 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;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two-and-a-half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate



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Nomination Form (March 2022)

Name:

Address:

Name/class of all of your children currently registered at Stephenson Way Academy & Nursery School:

Name and signature of person supporting your nomination and name of their child/class who is currently registered at our school

Name

Signed

Child's name/class

Personal Statement (max 150 words) – please note that this will be sent to all parents/carers if an election is required.

Each of the following statements need to be ticked in order for this nomination form to be submitted:

- I declare that I have at least one child registered at the school.

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- I understand that a S128 check and DBS check will be made about me as the post requires me to hold a DBS safeguarding certificate

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I confirm that the information provided in this application form is accurate and that I have not and will not withhold information from any representative of Stephenson Way Academy & Nursery School or its local governing body. I confirm that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2015 (see above).

Signature:

Date:

*Please return this form and the written statement, inside a sealed envelope (labelled 'Parent Governor Nomination') and return to the school office by no later than **3pm on Friday 1st April 2022***