

Could You Become A Parent Governor?

A Parent Governor believes parents should have a say in matters affecting their children's education and has:

- An interest in the futures of all our young people
- A desire to make a difference
- A willingness to accept responsibility
- An ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn

and will:

- Visit and get to know the college and the people in it
- Work in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards

A Parent Governor is a representative not a parent delegate. A Parent Governor does not have to vote in a particular way because they have been asked to do so by parents.

Parent Governors represent and are elected by other parents.

Parent Governors:

- Help to decide the priorities for improving the college
- Will listen as well as they can to the parents' opinions and take account of them as they contribute to Governors' decisions
- Work co-operatively with other Governors in the best interests of the college
- Attend the meetings of the Governing Body and its Committees
- Promote the interest of the college in the wider community
- Have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
- Are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Body
- Respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
- Withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
- Have regard to the broader responsibilities as a Governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Body
- Participate in training.