

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,



Parent EAC Member Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent member on our school's Ethos & Advisory Committee and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. Please think about becoming a committee member, or encouraging others to volunteer, to support local governance within our School Trust.

Parent EAC Members play an important role in the development and life of the school and across our family of schools; supporting the Trust as we work together for the benefit of all our children and our communities.

By comparison to a traditional school Governing Body the Ethos and Advisory Committee's role is not to "manage" the academies and is not required to take operational, staff or financial decisions as these lie with the board or the executive team. The main role of the EAC is to be able to express and act on local views and issues – views of parents and the community. As an EAC committee member you will support, inform, and advise and challenge provision; working together, empowering excellence and improve outcomes for all children.

THE MAIN COMMITMENTS OF BEING AN ETHOS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ARE:

- Three committee meetings per year of two hours long
- Learning Walks if applicable
- Online training sessions (these can be completed in your own time)
- Attend and participate in school events as a visible and positive presence

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- People who care for their community and the children in it and want to make a difference
- Ambassadors for the local schools and the wider trust
- Have 6 hours per term to prepare and attend meetings and learning walks
- Working with the Headteacher

If you would like an informal chat to find out more information around the role, please contact us via email governanceteam@lapsw.org or telephone 01626 248 800 and select the People team option.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house training throughout the year online live or recorded sessions along with statutory training on a yearly basis. The term of office for parent committee members is 4 years (if you remain a parent of a child within the Trust).



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If you wish to stand as a Parent EAC Member, it is necessary for you to be elected (as per the Terms of Reference) if we receive more nominations than places available. Please check the disqualification criteria for eligibility before applying. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

To complete the nomination form please click on the QR code below or follow the link.



<https://forms.office.com/e/89q2QrNf9E>

If you wish to complete a paper nomination the completed form should be handed into the academy office in an envelope marked for the attention of Sue Watson.

Completed nominations **must be received by 12 noon on 25th October 2024.**

Each candidate is requested to submit a brief profile of up to 150 words which will be circulated with the election papers, if required.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Julie Edwards
Head of Academy

Encs – Nomination Form and Disqualification Criteria