

Make a difference and support the school: become a parent governor!

We're looking for a new parent governor* to join our governing committee for Warlingham School. If you're looking for a new challenge and can commit time and energy to support the school, we want to hear from you!

What is a governor ?

All schools are required to have a team of governors (an unpaid role) who work alongside the leaders of the school, contributing to the school's success. Governors are not there to get involved in the day-to-day decisions but to stand back and think strategically.

We look at the school's performance and development plan, we ask questions, consider data and challenge what we see. We work with the school collaboratively as a 'critical friend' to help push improvement across a range of areas such as safeguarding, behaviour and exam results.

Our governors bring expertise and skills from their working life in a range of fields, from human resources to finance, public services to corporate consulting. You don't need to have a background in education, all we ask is that you're interested, curious and willing to learn as you go. Above all we are looking for someone who's keen to commit to the role, who has an enquiring mind and an enthusiasm to get involved.

Time Commitment: You'd be required to attend the five governor meetings held throughout the school year, running from 6.00-9pm. approx. Ahead of these meetings there are papers to read which can take 1-2 hours.

Governors are also expected to help monitor the school's development plan with visits to the school during the school day once or twice a term and should set aside time to read and respond to emails, write short reports, review policies and attend training courses (many online) to stay up to date. You will also be asked to form part of recruitment, appeals or exclusion panels on an ad-hoc basis. **These mainly take place during the school day so being able to give time mid-week now and again is an important part of the role.**

How do I apply?

If you are interested, please contact our Clerk, Catriona Sanderson, via email: c.sanderson@warlinghamtlt.co.uk Catriona can give you more details about the role and process and arrange an informal conversation with our Chair of Governors. You then need **to complete and submit a nomination form** including a short personal statement of why you are suitable for the role as well as being proposed and seconded by parents of registered pupils attending the school.

Closing date: Midday Friday 10th November (NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME)

*Parent governors are elected as directed by Schedule 1, Regulation 4 of the School Governance Regulations 2007 and Regulation 6 of the School Governance Regulations 2012. Nominations for the role can be made by parents of pupils registered at the school.

Should there be more nominations than vacancies, a secret ballot election will be held. Parent Governors can serve for a term of four years irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school and many stay longer. *Please note – a person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they are an elected member of the LA or they work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).*