

22nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

After half term we will be recruiting a new parent governor to serve on the Academy Council which is the local governing body of the school.

There are six Academy Council meetings a year and a governor's role is to support and challenge the senior management team for the benefit of the children and staff. Parent representation is vital to the effectiveness of the Council.

In addition to the meetings, there are many other opportunities to monitor the work undertaken with the children through learning walks and meetings with staff. Governors also undertake annual on-line training through short courses on safeguarding and data protection. New governors are inducted into the role and supported to get the most out of it which will vary according to each person's work and family commitments.

During the pandemic our meetings are taking place on Google Meet through the Outwood email address assigned to each governor. Face-to-face meetings will resume as soon as Covid restrictions permit.

Nomination papers will be issued after half term and if more nominations than places are received an election will be held. We hope that you will give this your consideration and we look forward to welcoming a new member onto the Council.

Thank you,

Sue Silk

Chair of the Academy Council on behalf of the Academy Council members: Rev. Rob Drost, Councillor Nic Stansby, Rev. Jo Kershaw, Sonia Wilson. Claire Evans, Sarah Thomas-Kovacs and Victoria Marshall