

## Dudley Academies Trust

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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Re: Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent member of the Local Advisory Committee (board of governors) for Blowers Green Primary, Beacon Hill Academy & The Link Academy. I therefore write to encourage you to consider putting your name forward for this important role. Please see below an overview of information related to this vacancy.

### **The role of a parent governor**

**Being a governor can be very rewarding, do not worry if you have no experience in education matters, as full training and support are available from Dudley Academies Trust.**

Most importantly, we welcome parent governors who have a passion for achieving the best possible educational experience for the children in our local community. In addition, we want our parent governors to work in a supportive but challenging way with the Senior Leadership of the school. As a parent governor, you will play a particularly vital role in ensuring that the committee is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children.
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.

### **Expectations of governors**

The governing body has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that governing bodies need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the ability and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing body.

Meetings of the Local Advisory Committee generally take place once per term at the academy during the early evenings and last approximately 2 hours. In addition, we hold



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termly Trust-wide briefings and development sessions in order to provide an opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge and network with other governors. Local governors also need to be able to devote time to preparing for meetings by reading papers provided in advance of meetings. In addition, local governors are encouraged to play an active role in the life of the school by attending academy events such as open evenings and celebration events. Governors serve a four year term of office, if you choose to, you can complete your term of office even if your child has since left the school.

### Who can be a parent governor?

All parents and carers of registered learners are eligible to become Parent Governors. Every parent is entitled to be nominated as a Parent Governor and to vote in a Parent Governor Election. Someone who has parental responsibility or day-to-day care of a learner is also eligible to serve and to vote. Parents or carers who have paid employment in the academy for 500 hours per academic year or more are not eligible to stand for election.

### How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the nomination form at the link below. This includes a short statement outlining why you would like to be a governor. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, an election will be held and ballot papers for this will be sent to all parents and carers of the academy.

- [Application for parent governor form](#)

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please do not hesitate to contact Gill Darwood, Director of Corporate Governance for the Trust via emailing [gill.darwood@dudleycol.ac.uk](mailto:gill.darwood@dudleycol.ac.uk).

Yours faithfully

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