

NOTICE OF PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION AND NOMINATION PAPER 21-22



Alsager School
An Achieving School - A Caring Community

Number of Parent Governor Vacancies – 3 (with effect from 8/11/21)

Do you want to make a real difference by helping our 'outstanding' school to improve further?

If the answer is a resounding yes, this letter may well be of interest to you, and we would like you to read on!

So how can you help?

School Governors are essential to work alongside the Head of School and the Leadership Group in developing the school and monitoring impact for the benefit of the students and its community.

Due to the terms of office coming to an end of three of our current parent governors, the governing body of Alsager School will have **three parent governor vacancies** with effect from **November 8th 2021**. Nominations are therefore invited to fill these vacancies. Should we receive **more than three nominations** an election will be held. In this instance, the election will be conducted electronically. This notice of election & nomination paper (below) details the election timetable. **Deadline to register your interest in standing for election is 15:15pm on Friday, 1st October 2021.**

Prior to submitting your nomination, interested parties are encouraged to attend a meeting with Mrs O'Neill, Head of School and a member of the current governing body which will outline the commitment and expectations of being a governor at Alsager School. Meetings have been arranged for **Wednesday, 29th September at 8:45am and Thursday, 30th September at 15:30pm**. Please contact Mrs J Lamprell, PA to Head of School on 01270 871100 or by email at j.lamprell@alsagerschool.org to book onto one of these sessions.

What does the role of a governor involve?

Alsager School is an 'outstanding' high-achieving school. The school remains totally committed to enabling students of all abilities to identify and achieve their full potential with a caring, nurturing environment, and therefore to go on to achieve success and fulfilment. Governors have an important part to play in helping to maintain success and in raising school standards through their three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and monitoring and evaluating school performance.

The Governing body welcomes interest from suitably motivated and committed individuals who believe they could make a positive difference and add real value to the school's current well-being and future development. Other than being at least 18 years of age, there are no particular qualifications or requirements, except that you must be a parent of, or have parental responsibility for, a current student, at the time of the election at Alsager School. *Please see Appendix A which outlines those who are exempt from standing.*

Most importantly, we are looking for individuals with commitment, vision and energy, who can add real value to the school and all its stakeholders. It needs people of talent who can commit the time, in order to fulfill the role to the required standard. A full induction, regular-ongoing training and peer mentoring will be provided throughout the first year.

As a member of the governing body, you will be expected to attend all full governing board meetings (3-4 a year) over each academic year, all of which are held on Wednesday evenings and start at 18:00pm

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and typically finish at 19:30pm. Part of the role will also involve you joining one of the boards sub committees (Finance, Pupil Progress or Curriculum & Personnel) and also attend each of these sub-committee meetings, which would be approximately 4 a year. So, all in all a total of 8 meetings a year.

From time to time, Governors may also be required to take part in interview panels for recruitment or disciplinary purposes. You will also be encouraged to regularly visit the school and will be invited to attend social events and some top-quality musical performances performed by the students. Governors are also asked to help present awards at the annual awards and celebration evening.

Subject to their work and other commitments, Governors are expected to participate in initiatives that link the skills and interests with specific departments or subjects through our curriculum link governor programme. This may involve termly or more frequent meetings in school.

1. Nominations are invited on this form, not later than **Friday, October 1st 2021** for the election of parent governor to the governing body **for a four-year period**.
2. Each candidate **must be a parent/carer of a registered pupil at the school** at the time of the election and must agree to being nominated. A parent may be supported by a proposer and a seconder or may nominate themselves. ***Please see Appendix A below which outlines those who cannot stand for election.***
3. If there are **more than three nominations an election will be held**. Candidates should therefore **provide a statement of not more than 250 words** which will be sent to parents with the electronic ballot papers.
4. **Election Timetable.**

Nominations close:	At 15:15pm on Friday, October 1st 2021
If no ballot is required, then the result will be available:	Monday, October 4th 2021
If a ballot is required then:	
Electronic ballot papers will be available online	Friday, October 8th 2021
Ballot papers must be actioned on line by:	By 15:15pm on Friday, October 22nd 2021
Count:	Monday, November 1 st 2021
Result available:	Tuesday, November 2nd 2021 (term starts on 8/11/21).

Andrea O'Neill
Head of School and Returning Officer

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN: 15:15pm on Friday, October 1st 2021 marked for the attention of Mrs O'Neill, Head of School.

PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE: NOMINATION PAPER – PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION 21-22

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NOMINATION PAPER

1. CANDIDATE

Surname	
Forename	

2. PROPOSER AND SECONDER (IF APPLICABLE)

Proposer's Signature	
Name	

Secunder's Signature	
Name	

3. AGREEMENT TO NOMINATION

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent trustee/ parent local governing committee member.

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent trustee/ parent local governing committee member and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in Appendix A (see below).

Signature	
Date	

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by 15:15pm on 01/10/21.

4. ELECTION STATEMENT

Please attach, in not more than 250 words, a statement in support of your nomination.

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Appendix A – Academies: qualifications and disqualifications to serve as an academy trustee/parent governor

A person must be aged 18 or over at the date of their election or appointment. No current pupil of the academy/one of the academies in the trust shall be a trustee.

A person shall be disqualified from holding office or continuing to hold office as trustee/local committee member if:

- s/he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his own affairs;
- s/he is absent without the permission of the trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months, and the trustees resolve that his office be vacated;
- s/he has been declared bankrupt and/or his estate has been seized from his possession for the benefit of his creditors and the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
- s/he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
- s/he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or
- s/he is subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- s/he ceases to be a trustee by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006;
- s/he is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision); or
- s/he is otherwise found to be unsuitable by the Secretary of State;
- s/he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible; or to which he was privy; or which he, by his conduct, contributed to or facilitated;
- s/he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011;

s/he has not provided to the chairman of the trustees a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997