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Notice of Election – Call for Nominations

Dear Parents/Carers,

Faringdon Community College Election of Parent Governor

The Local Governing Committee (LGC) of the school has a parent governor vacancy. We are writing to ask if you would be interested in becoming a parent governor.

Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. Effective governors do not need expertise in education but do need to be committed to their school, willing to ask questions and offer appropriate challenge and support.

All governors are expected to:

- Attend LGC meetings (usually once a term)
- Attend development sessions
- Visit the school formally for monitoring purposes (optional)

Governors also need to be able to work as an enthusiastic member of the governing body team with the aim of raising and maintaining high educational standards for all children. Governors are asked to act with integrity, honesty and objectivity and at all times in the best interests of the school.

The main focus of the LGC is to develop the strategic direction of the school, be accountable to stakeholders and to ensure that financial resources are spent appropriately.

Governors also have a number of opportunities to access training to develop and enhance their knowledge and skills.

Once elected, parent governors are a representative parent but not a delegate. This means that they are not expected to report back to parents on any matters relating to the school or LGC without prior consent from the governing body.



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Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can nominate themselves, stand for election and vote in the election. The term of office of a parent governor is four years.

Nominations should be made online [via this link](#) and must be submitted by noon on Friday 1 May 2026. If you are unable to complete the online form, you may complete the attached nomination form instead. This must arrive at the school's reception no later than the same deadline.

Each candidate must provide a brief personal statement (up to 250 words), outlining their background and reasons for wishing to become a governor. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, a ballot will be held, and all personal statements will be shared with parents to assist in voting.

Within a few days of the nomination closing date, we will inform parents whether a ballot is required. If a ballot is held, voting will take place online using the email address held in our school database (please contact us if you wish to check or update your details). Parents who cannot vote online may vote in person at school.

Further information about voting (whether online or in person) will be sent if a ballot is required. Additional copies of the nomination form are available from reception.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Barker
Headteacher

Paul Ray
LGC Chair

Attachments

- Nomination Form
- Parent Governor Factsheet
- Rules Regarding Eligibility to Become a Governor



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Nomination Form – paper template

Parent Governor for Faringdon Community College
Nomination Form

Name of the nominee:
Name(s) & year(s) of child(ren):
Email address and telephone number:

Please provide a brief personal statement below covering a little information about yourself and why you would like to be a governor (continuing on a separate sheet if needed). Maximum 250 words.
Please note, your personal statement will be shared with all parents in the event of an election.

<p>I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor at Faringdon Community College. I confirm that I am able to fulfil the role including by attending meetings as required, and by contributing to governance work outside formal meetings. (Please ensure that you have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a governor which you will have received with this nomination form).</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>Circle as appropriate</p>
<p>If successfully appointed as a parent governor, I confirm that I will provide the contact details for two referees and the relevant ID documents for DBS and Right to Work in the UK checks.</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>Circle as appropriate</p>



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Parent Governor Factsheet

The composition of the governing committee varies from school to school. Its members always include the headteacher, parent governor(s), staff governor(s), Trust-appointed governor(s) and Diocese-appointed governors (for Church schools). Our school currently has two parent governors. Parent governors have the same powers and duties as other governors.

The governing committee meets once a term, usually in the evening. We also invite governors to come into school occasionally during the school day so they can understand how the school operates and see improvements for themselves.

To be eligible to stand for election as a parent governor you must have parental responsibility for a pupil at the school. Having 'parental responsibility' is not limited to biological parents, but also includes step-parents, foster parents, grandparents bringing up a child, or the permanent partner of a child's biological parent. A few people cannot be school governors; those who have been made bankrupt or who have been in prison for certain offences may not serve for at least three years afterwards. School staff are not eligible to stand as parent governors if they are employed for 500 hours or more per year. If you have any doubts as to your eligibility on any of these grounds, please contact the school office or headteacher.

A candidate for a parent governor post must have a child on the school roll at the time the election is held. However, parent governors do not have to resign if their children leave the school before their term of office has ended.

A candidate is a representative member of the parent body rather than a delegate.

- Parent governors do not have to try to represent the views of all parents.
- They should communicate with them about issues that arise, but only in so far as is reasonable: not confidential matters.
- When decisions must be made by the governing committee, each parent governor is free to vote in accordance with his/her own views.

The Governors' Handbook emphasises the importance of the skills, experience and personal attitudes brought by each governor. In addition, it is essential that all new governors attend the Induction Course provided by Governor Services for newly appointed governors so that you are fully aware of your role and contribute effectively to the work of the governing committee.



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Rules Regarding Eligibility to Become a Governor

Qualifications and Disqualifications for Governors and Associate Governors

Schedule 6 of the Constitution Regulations covers the qualifications and disqualifications of governors.

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his or her election or appointment and cannot be a registered pupil at the school. This does not relate to associate members.

A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing committee meetings – without the consent of the governing committee – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors).
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief order or an interim debt relief order.
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.
- is subject to:
 - disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order).
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of anybody.
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children.



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- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002.
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care.
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006.
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor.
- has received a prison sentence of two-and-a-half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor.
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more.
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor.
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal record certificate.

A governor must not also be a clerk to the governing committee at which he or she is a governor.

WHAT LEGISLATION DOES THIS REFER TO?

- The Education Act 2002: Sections 19 and 20
- The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007: SI 2007/957
- The Education Act 1996: Section 576 (1), (3) and (4), read together with the Education Act 2002: Section 212(2), gives a definition of 'parent' (see also the definition of parent in the Constitution Regulations)
- The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007: SI 2007/1289
- The School Governance (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012: SI 2012/421
- The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 (the '2012 Constitution Regulations') and the School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2012 (the '2012 Federation Regulations') as amended by the School Governance (Constitution and Federations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

THE LAW

Legislation is often amended and new regulations introduced. For an up-to-date list of legislation applying to schools refer to the Department for Education website.



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