

Parent Governor Vacancy

About this Role

At Faringdon Community College (FCC) we are looking for a new parent governor to join our Local Governing Committee to support the development of the school.

Whether you have relevant experience or just the willingness to get involved and make a positive contribution to your school community, we would love to hear from you.

Who is eligible to become a Parent Governor?

A Parent Governor is a volunteer who has current parental responsibility for a pupil attending the school at the time of applying.

What do Parent Governors do?

Governors have a key role in developing the vision and strategy for the school, providing support and challenge to school leaders to ensure that every pupil has the best possible education. They support the school but are also prepared to question at a strategic level why decisions have been made and to request information about the school to help them in their monitoring role.

Governors do not need to be experts or have experience in education - we welcome interest from all walks of life to help bring different perspectives and views.

As a parent governor, you'll need to:

- take an active interest in education
- give time to find out about your school
- give time to learn about the role by attending induction training
- attend meetings throughout the year
- abide by the Code of Conduct and respect confidentiality
- undergo the pre-appointment checks including a DBS check, signing a Declaration of Eligibility form and completing a register of pecuniary interest.

What is the time commitment?

The Governing Body meets once every half term (i.e. 6 times per academic year) to discuss and review the above areas. In addition, some prep work is required including reviewing documents and, where appropriate, visiting the school. These visits reflect

individual Governor responsibility for specific topics/subjects and, typically, amount to 3-4 hours per term (flexible timing to suit).

What skills/knowledge do you need?

Cambrian Learning Trust run Governor Induction courses throughout the year as well as more specialised training. We actively seek governors with a diverse range of skills and experiences. What matters most is your commitment to want to make a difference to the school.

In addition to this, the role requires diplomacy, adherence to a Code of Conduct and, particularly, confidentiality. It can be a challenging one at times but is also extremely fulfilling.

What should you do if you are interested?

If you would like to find out more, please contact Rosie Phillips, clerk of the Local Governing Committee, with any questions: rphillips@cambrianlt.org

or contact the Headteacher via the school office: Office@fcc.cambrianlt.org

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In the autumn term, we will have **one** Parent Governor vacancy and so must hold an election. The Local Governing Committee has an extremely important role: it is responsible for working strategically in partnership with the head teacher and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress. Governors individually have no power but when governors act collectively, they become a very important corporate body. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Cambrian Learning Trust run special induction courses for new governors – we expect all our governors to attend this training.

Parents, or anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election, can stand for election. You can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. A factsheet about becoming a governor is attached.

Parent governors, like all governors, will be most effective if they bring relevant skills and experience, as well as the ability to work as part of a team.

All nominations should complete an application via this online self-nomination form by the 20th of June 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/a56pRJ554h>

You can nominate yourself.



Following this, we will send the application/ballot forms with the names of the candidates and their details out to all parents and carers.

Please note that the successful candidate will be required to fill out an application via My New Term, in line with the Trust's safer recruitment policy.