

10 October 2024

Dear Parent / Carers,

ELECTION OF PARENT / CARER GOVERNOR

Parents & Carers are important people to have on a governing body because, alongside the staff, no one is more concerned with the quality of the teaching and learning provision of the school. Having your child's best interests at heart means that you'll also have the school's best interests at heart, which makes you committed to the school's continuous improvement for the benefit of all students.

See below what the expectation of a Parent Governor is:

<p>A Parent/Carer Governor is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ well placed to understand other parents' views ✓ to remind the governing body how matters being discussed affect parents ✓ Individuals! How you vote on any decision is up to you ✓ in a good position to help the governing body to communicate effectively with parents/carers. ✓ equal in status to all other governors 	<p>A Parent/Carer Governor is not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to the governing body. ✗ expected to represent the interests of every parent/carer. ✗ a link between parents and the governing body. ✗ expected to vote as instructed by other parents.
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Governors play an important role in supporting the school and in making decisions about the service provided for students. For example, they are responsible for:

- Helping to establish the aims and policies of the school and how the standards of education can be improved
- Helping to draw up the school development plan
- Helping to decide how to spend the school's budget
- Selecting the Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher
- Linking the local community with the school
- The appointment, promotion, support and discipline of staff
- Drawing up an action plan after an OFSTED inspection and monitoring how it is put into practice

All these tasks are shared between members of the Governing Body. Governors are usually members of either the Teaching and Learning or Resources Committee. Governors also attend the full Governing Body meeting held once per term.

It is essential that parents be fully represented on the governing body, so I do ask you to consider this matter very carefully. You will be supported by other governors and training is offered to help you understand your role and responsibilities, but it is not compulsory.

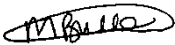
The term of office for Parent / Carer governors is 4 years but you may resign at any time.

Please complete the attached nomination form and return to Kitty Kaur, in the Reception office by Monday 21 October 2024 at 1pm.

If we receive more than one suitable nomination it will be necessary to hold an election by ballot so that all parents/carers can choose who will represent them on the governing body. In this instance, ballot papers will be distributed in the afternoon of Tuesday 22 October 2024 with a **deadline for return of Friday 25 October 2024 at 4pm**. The name of the successful candidates will be announced on **Monday 4 November 2024**.

There are some circumstances that make people unable to be considered as school governors. These are shown on the reverse of the nomination form enclosed.

Yours sincerely



Missy Brissett

Interim Business Manager



Nomination form for Parent / Carer Governor – October 2024

STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL
Downs Park Road, London E5 8NP

Please complete this section:

I wish to nominate myself as a Parent Governor:

Name: _____

Parent of: _____

Signed: _____

Please write a few words about why you would like to be a parent governor (no more than 250 words)

PLEASE NOTE:

Please read carefully the notes on disqualification shown on the reverse of this form.

To be valid, the completed nomination form must be returned to Kitty Kaur, in the Reception office by Monday 21 October 2024 at 1pm.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

No person is qualified to be a governor unless they are aged 18 or over at the date of their election or appointment.

A person is disqualified from membership of a governing body if:

- 1) They are already a governor at the same school.
- 2) They are liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- 3) Their membership of the governing body at that school has lapsed through non-attendance.
- 4) A foundation governor, LEA governor or community governor has been disqualified under paragraph 3) they are not qualified for nomination or appointment as a governor of any category at that school for 12 months following the disqualification.
- 5) They have been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration (confiscation) of their estate has been awarded and has not been discharged and the bankruptcy order has not been rescinded or annulled, or they have not been discharged in respect of a composition, arrangement or trust deed to creditors.
- 6) They have had a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1996.
- 7) They have been removed from office as a trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court, removed under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990.
- 8) They are included in the list of teachers and workers with children or young persons whose employment is restricted under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999; subject to a discretion of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the 2000 Act; disqualified from working with children under sections 28 and 29 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000; disqualified from being the proprietor of any independent school or from being a teacher or other employee in any school, by virtue of an order made under sections 470 or 471 of the 1996 Act
- 9) They have had a prison sentence, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, of not less than 3 months without the option of a fine, whether suspended or not, within the previous 5 years.
- 10) They have had a prison sentence of more than 2½ years within the previous 20 years.
- 11) They have had a prison sentence at any time of not less than 5 years.
Any conviction by or before a court outside the United Kingdom for an offence which would not have constituted an offence under the law in force in any part of the United Kingdom must be disregarded.
- 12) They have been convicted within the previous 5 years of an offence under section 547 of the 1996 Act or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance and disturbance on educational premises) and have been sentenced to a fine.
- 13) A person refuses a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application for a police check (DBS)

Should a person become disqualified whilst holding office or during the process to become a governor they must give written notice of this to the clerk of the governing body.