

SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would welcome nominations from any potential new governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children at our school.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to;

- Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head.
- Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by; attending training, reading papers, attending evening meetings (6 per year) visiting the school during teaching hours.

Governors sit on our Academy Committee which forms an important part of the Governance structure of the Warriner Multi Academy Trust. Its responsibilities are those delegated to it by the Trustees of the WMAT, the most important being the scrutiny of our curriculum offer and our attainment data. It also works strategically in partnership with the head of school and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress.

Parent Governors are representative members of the parent body not its delegate and have the same collective responsibility as all Governors to the school as a whole. You'll also play a vital role in ensuring that the Academy Committee is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

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 yourself for election and can vote in the election.

Parent governors, like all governors, will be most effective if they bring relevant skills and experience.

Essential skills for governors to have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- An ability to work positively with others as part of a team
- An ability to challenge effectively within meetings
- A willingness to develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing schools

Useful skills/experience for governors to have:

- Experience in analysing performance data
- Experience in professional leadership or experience of Chairing Governing Bodies or committees

- Experience in performance management
- Experience in PR and Marketing.

If you wish to stand as a parent governor please could you complete the attached nomination form and email it to the Clerk to the Governors l.hayes@warrinermat.org **by midday on Friday 23rd September 2022**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be held. We will inform you following the deadline date for nominations if we have to do this.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Lauren Hayes the clerk to the Governors l.hayes@warrinermat.org

Please think about taking on the role or encouraging someone you know who you believe has the necessary skills. We need committed parent governors to make the governing body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely,

Jane O'Sullivan
Head Teacher

Paul Manthorpe
Chair of Governors

Parent Governor Nomination Form

Candidate name:	
Candidate email address:	
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Candidate statement: <i>should include why you wish to be a parent governor and how you feel your skills could benefit the governing body. (This will be included on the ballot paper sent to parents should there be an election)</i>	
Candidate Declaration:	<p><i>I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school I confirm that I meet the eligibility criteria set out in Appendix A to stand as a school governor.</i></p> <p><i>I confirm I am able to fulfil the role including attending meetings, visiting the school and contributing to governance work outside formal meetings.</i></p> <p><i>If I am successful in my application to become a Governor, in accordance with article 45A of the Warriner Multi Academy Trust Articles of Association, I declare to the Trustees that I will uphold the object of the company as set out in article 4 of the Articles of Association and reproduced in Appendix B.</i></p> <p>Signed: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

Appendix A - Declaration of eligibility

I confirm that I:

- Am aged over 18
- Am not a current pupil at an academy in the trust
- Have not been declared bankrupt
- Am not the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order
- Have not been disqualified from holding office as a governor
- Have not been disqualified from being a company director and/or a charity trustee
- Have not been removed as a trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement in administration of the charity
- Have not had my estate seized for the benefit of creditors and the declaration of seizure hasn't been discharged, annulled or reduced

I understand that a person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a trustee/local governor if any of the following applies:

- Inclusion on the list of those unsuitable to work with children
- Having been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- Having received a prison sentence of 2 and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- Having received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- Having been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- Being subject to any of the disqualifying reasons set out in the 'disqualifying reasons table' (see the first section of [this guidance](#))
- Having been convicted for any unspent criminal offence – excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence was a fine (except for offences specified in the above table which will still count)

I agree to alert the clerk in writing if any of the above criteria begin to apply to me during my time in office.

Appendix B - OBJECT – extract from WMAT Articles of Association 2021

4. The Company's object ("**the Object**") is specifically restricted to the following:
- (a) to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing Academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and which shall include:
 - (i) Academies other than those designated Church of England, whether with or without a designated religious character; and
 - (ii) Church of England academies designated as such which shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship, and having regard to any advice and following any directives issued by the Diocesan Board of Education,

but in relation to each of the Academies to recognise and support their individual ethos, whether or not designated Church of England.

- (b) (in relation to any Academy other than those included in Article 4(a)(ii)) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the areas in which the Academies are situated the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the inhabitants.