

Monday 10th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Councillor Election

We currently have a vacancy for an Academy Councillor and you are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election. Much like a Governing Body, the Academy Council's role is to ensure your children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability.

Academy Councils are responsible for holding Principals and their leadership teams to account for the quality and effectiveness of the academy experience of the students under their care. They do this through monitoring performance against an annual academy improvement plan (AIP), through monitoring risks and responses to risks, and through overseeing systems and processes for the safeguarding of children and the health, safety and wellbeing of academy staff.

Parent Councillors are representative parents, rather than representatives of parents. To effectively fulfil the role, parent Councillors should, in addition to the responsibilities of an Academy Councillor:

- Make themselves known to the parent body;
- Listen impartially to concerns raised by parents;
- Guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures;
- Present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except:

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward, please click [here](#) and complete the online form by Friday 21st September.

You will need to write a brief factual statement about yourself (not exceeding 100 words) and return it with this form. You might like to include a little about your background and why you want to be a Councillor. Should an election be necessary I will circulate to voters your statement and those of other candidates. Please have a look at the Academy Council section of the website for information about our Council. If you have any questions about the role, please feel free to contact me on [Tel: 0117 2446250].

Yours sincerely

Linda Corbidge
Clerk to the Academy Council

