

3rd June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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Nominations for parent governors at Newark Orchard School

Head Teacher: Mrs M A Tyers

The governing body of your school has a vacancy for a parent governor and is looking for a parent or carer who has a child at the school.

We are looking for parent/carers who have the skills required to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. Your skills may include personal attributes, qualities, and capabilities, such as the ability and willingness to learn and develop new skills.

Governing bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters which come under three main headings:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors at Newark Orchard School need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn.

We seek to recruit and develop governors with the skills to work constructively in committees.

Our parent governors serve a four-year term of office (even if your child leaves the school during this time). We meet on a **Tuesday morning**, 3 times a year as a **full governing body** and we have 2 committees - finance **and personnel** and **strategic development and pupils**, who usually meet once per month.

There is an expectation within our code of conduct that each governor will become a member of a committee and will take on additional responsibilities as a link governor. All governors are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct adopted by the governing body.

We offer a full induction package, a mentoring system and availability of in-house and on-line training packages. We also offer the opportunity for prospective governors to meet the chair and other governors to discuss the role of governor before completing a nomination form

Parents/carers from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community, and with disabilities, are usually under-represented on governing bodies and in the County. The school would like to encourage nominations from under-represented groups in our community.

All new and re-appointed school governors are required to complete a declaration of eligibility form.

If you wish to complete a nomination form to become a parent governor, you can contact Rachel Lodge on 01636 682255 or via email at office@newarkorchard.notts.sch.uk

If you have any queries about the role of parent governor and would like more information, please feel free to contact Laura Redfern Chair of Governors.

The nominations will close at midday on Monday 17th June 2024.

Yours sincerely

Laura Redfern
Chair of Governors

