



9 February 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Parent Governor Vacancy

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for a parent governor to join the school's local governing board.

Parent governors are elected by the parent body at the school and they make a vital contribution to our local governing board. The role of a parent governor is not to speak on behalf of parents, but to use their perspective as a parent to help the local governing board understand a parent's viewpoint. This helps the board to make good decisions and maintain a link between governance and the parent community. Parent governors share the duty of carrying out the board's wide range of responsibilities equally with all other types of governor.

The role of governors is strategic, so they are not responsible for the day-to-day running of the school as that is the role of the school's senior leadership team. They ensure that the principal carries out her responsibility for the educational performance of the school and they ensure the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources. As a Church of England school, the Christian foundation, ethos and values at Brockington College are integral to the work of the governing board.

You do not need to be an expert in education to be a school governor, and we value the variety of experience and skills that all of our governors bring to the role. However you will be expected to demonstrate skills and experience that will enhance governance at the school, a commitment to undertake training and a willingness to engage in the life of the school and its strategic development, over and above merely attending meetings. The local governing board welcomes nominations from any eligible parents/carers wishing to stand for election, particularly those with a background in strategic planning, education, HR, finance or safeguarding.

All governors serve a four year term of office, even if the child of a parent governor leaves the school before their term of office ends. Being a governor does involve time; there are five governing board meetings each year and governors usually serve on one or more committees which meet approximately once a term. Most meetings start at 6pm and usually last for up to two hours. You will need to set aside time to be able to become an effective governor, including preparing for meetings, carrying out monitoring visits to the school, completing training and updating your knowledge.




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If you would like to find out more about becoming a parent governor at Brockington College, please contact Helen Warner, Principal's PA via hwa@brockington.embracemat.org or 0116 2863722 to request an application pack and a nomination form to put yourself forward as a candidate. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **3pm on Friday 3 March 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Sadie Batstone
Principal/Returning Officer