

SHS/P:/MKB/ParentGovernor
24 May 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for one Parent Governor on the Governing Board of Shirley High School.

We would be delighted to hear from enthusiastic and reliable people who have:

- A keen interest in the performance of the school
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community
- The ability to speak confidently on topics that arise
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgments
- Some free time!

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School and helping students reach their potential
- Be part of one of the most improved schools in the borough

What is the Governing Board's Role?

- Develop a vision and strategy for the school
- Oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent
- Hold the school and its leaders to account, to ensure every pupil gets the best possible education
- Engage with pupils, staff, parents and the community to understand their views

How much of my time will it take?

- You'll be asked to attend approximately two meetings of the Governing Board each term.
- Meetings are held at 5.00pm on Tuesday evenings at the school
- You'll also need to attend governor training sessions - these are free of charge and mostly in the evenings and can be attended remotely
- We estimate the average time commitment is 10-15 hours per term. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits.

We currently have a particular need for governors with expertise in marketing and legal or HR matters. However, these skills are not exclusive and all eligible parents / carers regardless of skills and experience can stand for election. There are very few people who cannot be governors. However, there is an eligibility form to be signed and appointment as a governor will be subject to a satisfactory advanced DBS check.

For more information about school governance, please take a look at the National Governors Association website: <https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>

How to Apply

You can download the nomination form on the school website here: <https://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2395&type=pdf>

Or email us at office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk and we can email you the form.

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by the deadline: **4.00pm on Thursday 13th June 2024.**

If there is more than one nomination, a ballot will be held. Each person standing for election will be asked to prepare a short personal statement stating why they wish to stand for election. These statements will be circulated to parents / carers with the ballot papers.

Yours sincerely

Shirley High School