

ST AIDAN'S

Voluntary Controlled
PRIMARY SCHOOL

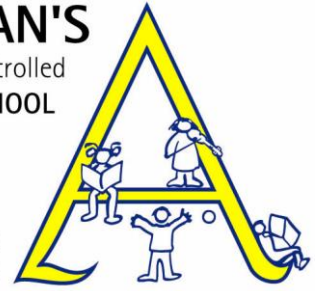
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26th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor?

The St Aidan's Governing Body consists of:

- 2 Staff Governors: the Headteacher and a teacher elected by the staff;
- 5 Parent Governors elected by parents;
- 3 Foundation Governors: the 2 priests in charge of Holy Trinity and Holy Innocents Churches and a member of the Parochial Church Council;
- 1 Representative Governor appointed by the Local Authority (Haringey);
- 4 Co-opted Governors appointed by the Governing Body.

The role of governors is to be a 'critical friend' to the school's leadership team, and they are responsible for strategic planning and oversight. They are not involved in the day-to-day operational management of the school. Governors are required to attend full Governing Body meetings (held every half term in the evening, lasting about two hours) and sit on one of three committees (one half-termly meeting before school, usually lasting around an hour).

The **term of office for a Parent Governor is 4 years** and we now have a vacancy. All parents, guardians and carers of pupils attending the school are eligible to stand. We are keen for our Governing Body to reflect the diversity of the school community and represent the broad range of experiences of our families. We strongly encourage those of ethnic minorities to stand for election. If there are more nominations than places available an election will be held.

Whilst it is not essential to have qualifications or professional skills to become a Governor, we are particularly keen to find someone with financial and/or business management experience to help maintain the high quality of our Resources committee. You will also need to:

- want to help to improve children's educational attainment;
- want to contribute to the local community;
- want to work as part of a team and value the contributions made by different people;
- be willing to ask questions;
- be open to ideas and willing to learn;
- be willing to attend governor training in statutory areas and linked to your role;
- have enthusiasm, commitment and be willing to commit your time.



Deputy Headteacher: Michael Speed

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If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please contact Helen Froggatt, Chair of Governors (chairgovernors@staidansprimaryschool.org.uk) for more information and relevant application documents.

The **nomination form** should then be countersigned by a proposer (who cannot be a spouse/partner) and **returned to the Headteacher** no later than **12pm Monday 11 March 2024**.

If an election is necessary, all candidates will be contacted on 11 March. Candidates will be asked to provide a brief statement about themselves (not exceeding 200 words) and a photograph in electronic format. These must be emailed no later than 12pm on 14 March.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Froggatt
Chair of Governors