

Date: 16th September 2021

Dear Parents

Can you help shape the future of our school?

We need parents of students registered at the school to make a difference in our school's community by volunteering to become **parent governors**.

Currently we have two vacancies for parent governors on the governing body.

Your voice as a parent is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents among its membership.

Information about the role

Once elected or appointed, a parent governor takes on the role of a school governor, a public volunteer. All governors are equal, no category of governor is any more important or influential than any other. Parent governors exercise a strategic parental voice on the governing body.

We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask probing questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings.

If you can spare approximately ten hours a year for us, then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.

What can you offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm, time, and commitment.
- Your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change and wanting to make a difference.
- Parent Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add different perspectives to school matters.

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What are the benefits?

- Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a very important part in our school community.
- The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supported the school's staff.
- A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching, or leading on a key school issue.
- The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have an impact on our students lives.
- You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

If you are interested in volunteering, here's what you should do ...

- 1) Please nominate yourself by completing the attached nomination form. If you wish to have an electronic copy of the form it can be emailed to you. Please contact Katie McDermott to do this on katie.mcdermott@expansigroup.co.uk
- 2) **Please ensure that your completed nomination form is returned to the school by 4:30pm on Friday 24th September.**

What happens after the nomination deadline has passed?

Any nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

If the school receives more nominations than there are vacancies, then we will hold an election and parents will be asked to take part in a secret ballot to vote for the candidate(s) they feel would be most suitable as a parent governor. The information you supply as part of your nomination will be circulated to parents to help them decide who to vote for. Your personal contact details will not be distributed. This is for governing body purposes only.

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Please complete the following information if you wish to nominate yourself/another parent for the vacancy of Parent Governor at Expanse Learning Wigan School.

Please include a personal statement which will be used to support your nomination and will be included in ballot papers circulated if an election is necessary. The statement should be no more than 120 words.

Full Legal Name	
Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other title (please specify)	
Address	
Post Code	
Child(ren)'s Name and Year Group(s)	
Personal Statement (no more than 120 words)	
Signature (must be by the nominee):	
Nominated by (please print name):	

If we receive more nominations than vacant posts (two), an election process will be necessary, and the above personal statement will be used on ballot forms.

Please return this form **by 4:30pm on Friday 24th September 2021** in an envelope marked 'Parent Governor Nomination' to school reception.

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If the school receives the same number of nominations as there are vacancies, then those nominees are deemed to be 'elected unopposed' and become parent governors without the need for an election.

If no parents nominate themselves by the deadline given above, then the governing body become responsible for appointing parent governors to fill the vacancies. If they can't find volunteers at our school, then they may seek parent volunteers from other schools.

If an election needs to take place, then I will inform all nominees personally, and all parents in writing, providing the details of how to vote and the deadline for doing so.

If there are any questions or you need further information, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

