

Parental Governor Vacancies

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors. If you are interested in being considered for one of these vacancies, please check out the Governor section of the school website for more information on what is involved. You will then need to submit a brief expression of interest to the school. If the number of applicants exceeds the vacancies, parents will be asked to vote on who they would like to represent them. I do hope you will give this opportunity some serious consideration; we are a friendly bunch, who would welcome your contribution to the college.

Mrs Horan, Chair of Governors

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The Governing Body currently has two vacancies for Parent Governors and we would like to invite you to consider becoming a Parent Governor or nominating another parent. If you wish to stand for election as one of the Parent Governors you will need to complete a nomination form, along with a declaration of eligibility (see website or email Diane Johnson, clerk@strichardscc.com, for a copy). These will need to be returned by **12.00 noon on Friday, 2nd November 2018** addressed to the Principal.

Parent governors play a very important role in keeping the Governing Body aware of the views from the parental perspective. They are a vital part of our team and I hope that there are parents willing to give their time and commitment to this important role.

The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body. For example, the Governing Body would like to enhance its skill set with governors who have expertise in human resources, finance and law. If you have experience in these areas, would you consider applying?

To be an effective team, the Governing Body expects Governors to:

- Attend and participate in Governor meetings, generally five times per year.
- Join one of the committees that support the Governing Body to fulfil its functions (3 times per year).
- Prepare for meetings by reading supporting paperwork to ensure active participation.
- Be a source of ideas and a good communicator.
- Visit the school informally at least three times a year at events such as school performances, Prize Evening, Parents' Evenings.
- Participate in other activities as and when required, such as joining interview panels for prospective staff; touring the school premises to help decide priorities for significant enhancement of the buildings, or to offer advice to the school in non-academic areas where they have relevant professional expertise or experience.
- Undergo appropriate training, research or be part of working groups on specific tasks.

If the number of nominations received is equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies, the nominees will automatically be elected as parent governors. If,

however, there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held and copies of the personal statements will be sent to all parents. Five school working days will be allowed for the return of ballot papers. Each parent will have one vote for each vacancy, no matter how many children he or she has at the college.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email Diane Johnson (clerk@strichardscc.com) with your contact details to pass onto the Chair of Governors who will contact you to discuss the role. Alternatively, you can view East Sussex County Council's website about Governors and their roles at:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolgovernors/becoming/default.htm>