



Dear Parent / Carer

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the School's Governing Board. We would like to invite all parents/carers who have a child registered at Longhill to consider nominating themselves to fill that vacancy. The advert that accompanies this letter and also appears on the school website briefly describes the role of governors.

You do not need to have any specific experience of education to be a governor as training is provided. A willingness to learn is essential, as well as having the time to commit to supporting the school, its staff and pupils. It is a perfect opportunity for a parent/carer to volunteer and make a difference to all pupils' lives.

Parent governors are not expected to represent all parents/carers, but to bring the voice of a parent/carer to the work of the governing board. We would particularly welcome applicants who come from parts of the school community not presently represented as we are keen to welcome fresh thinking and new ideas to the team.

Governance is considered to be an important part of the leadership of the school so governors must commit to attending approximately 6-8 meetings a year and to attend training to learn or update their skills for the role. In addition, governors visit the school two or three times a year during the school day to liaise with staff and see the school at work. There is some reading and preparation needed for meetings and training but plenty of time is allowed so it fits well around other commitments. Being a governor, you will gain experience that may benefit your personal and professional life. You will also meet and be part of the inspiring Longhill team.

If you wish to put yourself forward for this role, we ask you to complete a statement of between 150 and 200 words to support your application. This should outline why you wish to be a parent governor and what you feel you can bring to the role. It could include your work/life experience or your experience as a parent. If we receive more than one application, we will need to run an election and ask all parents to vote. This will only involve the sharing of your statement to parents and does not involve any public speaking or public canvassing of votes.

If you have any questions please contact Vicki Gilbert, Clerk to Governors:
clerk@longhill.org.uk

We look forward to receiving applications for this vital role. Applications should be returned to the Clerk by midday on Friday 8th December 2023.

Linda Newman & Sean Burke

Co-Chairs of Governors