



21st September 2020

Dear parent(s)/carer(s)

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

I am writing to inform you of two vacancies for the role of parent governor on the local advisory committee (board of governors) of Blowers Green.

The role of the local advisory committee

The school's local advisory committee is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The committee is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the committee to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will play a particularly vital role in ensuring that the committee is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children.
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.
- The specific skills required to ensure the governing board delivers effective governance.

Expectations of governors

Local governors are highly committed individuals who give their time on a voluntary basis and although they are not paid for their services, they may claim expenses to cover costs of attending meetings.

Meetings of the local advisory committee generally take place five times per year and are held during the early evenings at the school. Local governors also need to be able to devote time to preparing for meetings by reading papers provided in advance of meetings.



In addition, local governors are encouraged to play an active role in the life of the school by attending academy events such as open evenings and celebration events.

How to apply

Further information on the role of local governors can be found on the Dudley Academies Trust website at www.dudleyacademiestrust.org/governance.

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form attached to this letter and return it to Mrs Gill Darwood, Senior Officer – Corporate Governance at Dudley Academies Trust (via the Blowers Green school office) by 30th September 2020. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please don't hesitate to contact me via email gill.darwood@dudleycol.ac.uk

Yours sincerely

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GILL DARWOOD

SENIOR OFFICER – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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APPLICATION FOR ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Candidate name	
Telephone/ mobile	
Email	
Address	
Academy of interest	Blowers Green Primary School
Candidate statement	<p><i>In this section, please outline (continue on separate sheet if necessary):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>The skills and experience you have that the governing board requires.</i> – <i>Your commitment to undertaking training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective governor.</i> – <i>How you plan to contribute to the future work of the committee.</i>

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a **registered learner** at the school

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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