



TO: ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL PUPILS ATTENDING AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD - ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

We are writing to inform you of vacancies for 2 parent governors (trustees) on our governing board. Parent governors are directly elected by the parents/carers.

The school's governing board is responsible for providing strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board at AHS is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. The leadership team also values the support, guidance and challenge which the board provides

No formal qualifications are required to be a governor and you do *not* need to have a background in education. To be eligible to volunteer as a parent governor you do need:

- to be a parent or carer of a registered pupil at Aylesbury High School
- to have the time to contribute (altogether, you can expect to spend 10-20 days each year on governance duties, with some meetings and visits taking place during the working day)
- to be aged 18 or over
- not to be disqualified under the relevant rules and procedures.

We need individuals who are willing to dedicate the time to get to grips with the role, understand the school and be a critical friend to school leaders at a strategic level to help us achieve our goals as a school and to achieve the very best outcomes for all our children. Being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of transferable skills.

In return we can offer:

- access to a comprehensive training programme provided remotely and face to face by a range of providers including Bucks Council and the National Governance Association. This will include a full induction programme;
- shadowing/mentoring provided by an experienced governor;
- an inclusive, friendly and welcoming governing board and staff team;
- the opportunity to get to know the school by regularly visiting during the school day;
- the chance to contribute to this school's further development at a strategic level;
- out of pocket expenses incurred as a result of fulfilling your governor role;
- the opportunity to develop a wide range of transferable skills and build your CV.

In order to carry out its core functions our board needs people with a wide range of competencies, experience and skills. We are therefore keen to recruit parents and carers from all walks of life and from across our diverse school community.

If you are interested in the role, we would strongly recommend that you find out more about what is involved by first contacting the Co-Chair of Governors, Helen Bush & Kate Weir at hbush@ahs.bucks.sch.uk. Alternatively further information is available on the school website via this [link](#).

If you wish to stand for election please complete and return the candidate form below. Those eligible to stand are the parents or carers of pupils who are currently registered pupils at this school.

The term of office will be for a period of 4 years. A parent whose child leaves the school may continue as a parent governor until the end of their term of office, if he or she so wishes.

Candidate forms should be sent to secretary@ahs.bucks.sch.uk or handed to the school office before the closing date which is 12 noon on Friday 27th February. If only 2 candidates stand for election, they will be elected unopposed, but if there are more candidates than vacancies, a ballot will be held.

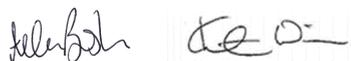
The ballot will be entirely secret and a further letter about the arrangements will be sent to you. All parents whose child/children attend this school will be entitled to vote in the ballot and voting will be on the basis of one vote per parent/carer per place available. *Before the ballot takes place information from all the candidates will be circulated to all parents.*

Please note that governors will be required to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a DBS certificate as well as other safeguarding checks when appointed and the school will advise on this process.

A full list of the names of the successful candidates will be made available as soon as all the appointments have been finalised.

If you are interested in standing please return the form below to secretary@ahs.bucks.sch.uk or hand to the school office by 12 noon on Friday 27th February.

Yours sincerely



Helen Bush & Kate Weir
Co-Chairs of the Governing Board

REQUEST FOR PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

Aylesbury High School

I,....., wish to nominate myself for the position of parent governor.

SIGNED:.....

DATE.....

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In the event of the need for an election candidates will be asked to provide 200 words about themselves for circulation to parents/carers.