



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for four parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

Parent governors and all other members of the Governing Body build productive relationships with the Headteacher and Senior Leaders while holding them to account for school performance. They work strategically by developing the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school, and ensuring sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources. Governors are not responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school or the educational performance of the school, as this is the head teacher's responsibility.

No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with experience in the following areas: financial management; business development; and/or education. We aim to put inclusion at the heart of everything that we do and are seeking to encourage applications from all interested parents to form a body of governors that reflects our amazing, diverse school community. If you would like to discuss this vacancy, please contact me via the Chair's email.

Training is available for all governors and our Governing Body has an expectation that those new to governance attend free induction training as well as demonstrating a commitment to safeguarding training and other on-going personal development.

The enclosed information summarises the eligibility criteria and circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents with children registered at the school on the day that nominations close.

Governors must agree to abide by the Governing Body's [Code of Conduct](#). General information on the role of a governor is available on the National Governance Association [website](#).

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If you would like to stand for election, please complete a short personal statement to support your nomination, this should set out your skills and experience, how you believe you can contribute to the future work of the Governing Body and your commitment to undertake training.

Send your nomination by email to [parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk](mailto:parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk) no later than **11 am on the 11 March 2024**. Nominees will receive an acknowledgment on the same day. If for any reason you do not, please contact the school on 020 8542 1413.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be held by ballot and we will advise you if this is the case. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely

Kunal Patel  
Chairs of Governors  
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