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To all parents/carers of students at Outwood Academy Valley

Dear Parents and Carers

## **NOMINATIONS FOR TWO PARENT GOVERNORS**

The Academy is seeking nominations for two Parent Governors to sit on the Academy Council of Outwood Academy Valley. If you would like to put yourself forward for one of these positions you will need to complete the attached nomination form and return it to the Academy no later than Friday 12 November 2021 at 12 noon. Please mark the envelope for the attention of The Clerk to the Academy Council, Mrs R Hind.

If on the closure for nominations there are more than two nominees, then an election will be held. Details of the election will be forwarded to all parents/carers and voting papers will be distributed to all parents/carers entitled to vote, if this is required.

If it is necessary to proceed to election, then the nominees are entitled to provide a statement of up to 200 words in support of their nomination to all voters. Therefore, if you wish to provide a statement, this should be included with your nomination form.

If you have any queries regarding the election process or the role of Parent Governor, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours sincerely



**Mr D Cavill**  
**Principal**

**OUTWOOD ACADEMY VALLEY, LOCAL ACADEMY COUNCIL  
NOMINATION PAPER FOR THE ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR**

**Please complete Sections 1, 2 and 3 in BLOCK CAPITALS**

Name of Nominee (in full) (Mr/Mrs/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_  
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Pupil(s) (in full): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth of Pupil(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proposer (in full) (Mr/Mrs/Ms): \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Pupil (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Secunder (in full) (Mr/Mrs/Ms): \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Pupil (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

- 1 The Returning Officer shall be an Officer from the Academy.
- 2 The nomination of a parent must be exercised in accordance with the regulations in the Code of Practice for the election of Parent Governors.
- 3 The Nomination Paper must be completed in full and returned to the Academy no later than
- 4 Friday 12 November 2021 at 12 noon.
- 5 A nomination must include the names of the nominee, proposer and seunder, all of whom must sign the nomination form.
- 6 The relevant School Government Regulations prescribe the circumstances and cases in which a person is to be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Governor of an Academy. Should you wish to clarify your position before submitting your nomination as a Governor, please contact the Academy.
- 7 **It should be noted that if you intend to submit a statement, of not more than 200 words, in support of your nomination, this should be submitted with your nomination form.**

**Signature of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(in acceptance of the nomination)

**Signature of Proposer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Secunder:** \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECEIVED IN ACADEMY:

## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

- 1 A Parent Governor shall be parents/guardians/carers of registered pupils at the Academy at the time of nomination of candidates for election.
- 2 A parent is disqualified from election as a Parent Governor of the Academy if he/she is:
  - a Nottinghamshire County Council Councillor.
  - paid to work at the Academy for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve month period.
- 3 Parents/legal guardians/carers of registered pupils shall be entitled to vote.
- 4 Information about the submission of nominations, election procedures and eligibility to vote shall be sent in writing by the Academy to all parents.
- 5 The Returning Officer shall be an Officer from the Academy.
- 6 Nominations shall be sent to the Returning Officer or to the Academy by a specified date and shall include the name of the nominee and the proposer and seconder, all of whom shall be parents/legal guardians/carers of registered pupils. Self nomination shall not be permitted. The person nominated shall signify in writing his/her acceptance of the nomination.
- 7 If on the closure for nominations there are more nominations than vacancies, then an election will be held. Details of the election will be forwarded to all parents/legal guardians/carers by post and voting papers will be distributed to all parents/legal guardians/carers entitled to vote.
- 8 Voting shall be by secret ballot and each candidate will be invited to submit a statement of 200 words which will be circulated on his/her behalf with the ballot paper. **Please see statement below\*.**
- 9 The ballot paper will include the candidate's name and the number and age of their children in the Academy.
- 10 Ballot papers will be required to be returned to the Academy in a prescribed manner by a specified date. The ballot papers will be counted at the Academy by Officers from the Academy. Should you wish to attend the count please contact the Principal who will advise you of the date and approximate time of the count.
- 11 The Returning Officer shall arrange for the election results to be posted on the Academy's main notice board.
- 12 The Academy's procedures for the appointment of Governors requires that a check is made with the Criminal Records Bureau to confirm that a successful candidate is not prohibited in some way from working with children.

**\*I am prepared to provide a statement of up to 200 words in support of my nomination, which is enclosed, and which will be circulated with the ballot paper.**

**Signature of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

## Fact Sheet – Becoming a Parent Member of a Local Governing Body

### 1. Background on the role

Outwood Grange Academies Trust was established to advance education in the UK for the public benefit, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing Outwood Grange Academy and Outwood Academy Adwick and any other academies subsequently added to our family of schools in pursuance of these aims. The Board of Directors is responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Trust by the use of results and budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The Board relies heavily on each Academy's Local Governing Body as an advisory committee to ensure that it has all the information it needs to make key decisions. Certain statutory functions are dealt with at Local Governing Body level and the Board may also delegate certain decisions to a Local Governing Body where local decision making is required.

### 2. What is required of a Parent Member

Members of the Trust's Local Governing Bodies have a key role to play in advising on many aspects of their Academy including curriculum, staffing and finances. As a Parent Member you would provide a key link between the Academy and parents. You would be expected to attend at least one meeting every six months, take an active interest in the Academy and its pupils and help to positively promote the parental view at meetings.

You would be expected to support the Trust in achieving its objectives and would be required to comply with any rules and regulations made by the Board from time to time relating to the membership, constitution, terms of reference and proceedings of the Local Governing Body. By agreeing to be a Parent Member you would also be agreeing to keep confidential any information obtained in the course of being a Parent Member which is confidential in nature.

### 3. Restrictions on who can serve as a Parent Member

To become a Parent Member of an Academy's Local Governing Body you must be the parent/carer of a pupil registered at the Academy at the time of appointment. No special qualifications are required, but you must be 18 or over on the date when you are elected or appointed. Enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education are the most important qualities.

By becoming a Parent Member of an Academy's Local Governing Body you will be agreeing to:

- (a) Support the Trust and its academies in achieving its objectives of advancing education in the United Kingdom for the public benefit;
- (b) Help the Trust to maintain, carry on, manage and develop the Academy;
- (c) Comply with any rules and regulations made by the Board from time to time in respect of the Local Governing Body;
- (d) Keep confidential any information obtained in the course of being a Parent Member which is confidential in nature; and
- (e) Be subject to the Trust's vetting procedures relating to members of the Local Governing Bodies and acknowledge that this will involve an enhanced CRB check.

You may not stand or continue as a member of a Local Governing Body if you would, in doing so, breach the Trust's "Regulations Applying to Potential and Current Members of Local Governing Bodies" (current copy attached).

### 4. Duration of Office

If elected as a Parent Member of a Local Governing Body, you would have a maximum term of office of two years, but may be required to retire from this role prior to the end of this two year period if:

- (a) You breach any of the rules and regulations imposed by the Board of Directors;
- (b) Your child ceases to be a registered pupil at the Academy; or
- (c) You cease to satisfy any of the above requirements.