



28th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS: NOMINATIONS

Local governance of academies run by the Aspirations Academies Trust is undertaken through Regional Boards that operate under the Terms of Reference determined by the Trust's Board of Directors.

The Trust is seeking to appoint one primary parent governor and one secondary parent governor to the South Coast Regional Board with effect from November 2020. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils/students to nominate themselves for consideration.

Parent governors play an important role on the Regional Boards and share with other governors the responsibility for carrying out monitoring and questioning responsibilities. Governors do not run the academy day to day, as their role is at a strategic level. You do not have to be an expert on education - we value the experience that all governors bring to the role.

If you join our Regional Board as a parent governor, you will serve for a three year term, subject to you continuing to be a parent of a child/children of the relevant age range, at one of the Trust's academies. Being a governor does take up time. There are six scheduled meetings each year during the working day. Meetings usually take place from 9:30am to 1pm and may be held at any one of the academies in the Region. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor; time to prepare for meetings (mainly reading documents), attending meetings and undertaking training where necessary.

The academies in the South Coast Region include:

1. **Jewell Academy Bournemouth (Primary)**
2. **Ocean Academy Poole (Junior)**
3. **Magna Academy Poole (Secondary)**
4. **Livingstone Academy Bournemouth (All-through 4 to 18yrs) opening September 2021**

If you have any questions about being a parent governor you can contact me via carolinebarringer@aspirationsacademies.org.

To put yourself forward as a candidate, you may only do so on an official form. Please complete and return the attached nomination and declaration forms to your child's main school office in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Parent Governor Nomination**" by **Wednesday 7th October 2020**. If it is necessary for there to be an election, I will contact you to let you know about the arrangements.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Barringer
Principal Officer for Governance & Compliance

Who can be a parent governor?

All those who have parental responsibility and are over the age of 18 are eligible to nominate themselves for election. There are some circumstances that disqualify an individual from serving as a school governor. If you wish to stand, you will be asked to complete a self-declaration of eligibility form to state that there are no reasons for being disqualified from serving as a governor and provide evidence of identity and address if required.

All elected governors will be required to have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. (This will be organised through the school at no cost to the governor).

How to nominate yourself

If you would like to put your name forward you should use the space provided to write a brief personal statement (approx. 200 words) to support your nomination including why you would like to be a parent governor and what you could bring to the role.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will take place. The statements of all candidates will be typed in a standard format and circulated to all parents with ballot papers.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – SOUTH COAST REGION: NOMINATION FORM

This form, along with the declaration form, should be returned to the school office by Wed 7th Oct 2020

I wish to serve as Parent Governor for the Aspirations South Coast Region as the representative for: Primary Academies <input type="checkbox"/> or Secondary Academies <input type="checkbox"/> (if eligible by having children in both Primary and secondary academies you may nominate yourself for both.)			
FULL NAME : <i>(TITLE, FORENAME & SURNAME)</i>			
ADDRESS:			
Email:		Tel:	
NAME OF CHILD/CHILDREN:	ACADEMY:	YEAR GROUP	
SIGNATURE :			DATE:

Please use this space for a brief (approx. 200 words) personal statement to support your nomination. This statement, typed in a standard format, with your name, will be circulated to parents if there is a need for an election.

DECLARATION FORM FOR REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

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1. I am aged 18 or over at the date of this election or appointment;	
2. I am not the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking 17 accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);	
3. I have not been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment(Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of anybody;	
4. I am not included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people;	
5. I am not barred from any regulated activity relating to children;	
6. I am not subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;	
7. I am not disqualified from working with children or from registration for child-minding or providing day care;	
8. I am not disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;	
9. I have not , been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming governor;	
10. I have not , received a prison sentence of 2 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;	
11. I have not , at any time, received a prison sentence of five years or more;	
12. I have not been fined, in the five years prior to becoming a governor, for causing a nuisance or disturbance on education premises;	
13. I will agree with an application being made to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).	

I confirm that all of the above 13 statements are accurate at the time of making this self-nomination. I understand that I will be required to provide proof of identity.

Name (Print Please)
Signature
Date

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