



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME A GOVERNOR AT THE AYLESBURY VALE ACADEMY

The Aylesbury Vale Academy is governed by its Governing Board, which comprises up to nine persons appointed by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education, two persons appointed by Buckinghamshire Council, the Academy Principal, one Staff Governor, one Parent Governor and up to four persons co-opted by the Governing Board. The Governing Board meets formally seven times a year, currently on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm – 5.30 p.m. Governors are also Trustees of the Aylesbury Vale Academy Trust.

We have vacancies on our Governing Board and are now looking to recruit more Governors/Trustees, including a new Parent Governor. No prior experience is necessary and we encourage applications from anyone keen, committed and willing to learn. However, applications from those with additional experience in premises, health and safety, HR, business and finance, IT and/or school governance in another setting, would be particularly welcome. All governors require enhanced DBS clearance.

Good governance is essential for any organisation. As Governors and Trustees, our overarching aim is to ensure that the children and young people at Aylesbury Vale Academy are able to achieve to the best of their ability. Although our role is always strategic rather than operational, Governors do have the opportunity to contribute to discussions and make decisions that affect all aspects of school life and help give children and young people a good experience at school; one which they both enjoy and which will enable them to reach their full potential.

Do you know anyone in the community or among your family or wider contacts who might be interested in this exciting opportunity and able to commit the time to it? For further details or to express an interest in joining us on the Governing Board, please contact the Chair of Governors cog@theacademy.me. We very much look forward to hearing from all prospective applicants.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is also a vacancy for a new Parent Governor, since Mrs James has been reappointed onto the Governing Board as a Local Authority Governor. Any parent of students from pre-school to the sixth form is eligible to stand and, should we receive multiple nominations, we would hold an election. Parents who are nominated must be proposed and seconded using the electronic form, with nominations being electronically signed by the proposer and seconder, who also have a child currently attending the school.

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Please click on the following link to submit a nomination: [Election of Parent Governor Nomination Form](#)

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; or can step-down before the end of their term should the need arise or their circumstances change.

There are no specific qualifications required 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 Board's work. Training is available for all governors and our Board of Governors has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training and ongoing training to keep up to date, as well as committing to try to attend all Governing Board meetings.

The attached information document on 'Becoming a Parent Governor' gives more information on the role.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please complete the electronic nomination form above, and by **12 noon on 01 October 2021**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

Finally, the enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone **cannot** serve as a governor under current legislation.

Yours sincerely

R T ROCHEFORT
Chair of Governors and Returning Officer

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Qualifications & Disqualifications to serve as a School Governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school. No person who is a Local Authority Associated Person is eligible to be appointed to the office of governor unless his/her appointment to such office is authorised by the local authority to which he is associated.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor if they:

- are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order
- have had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- are subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order)
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody
- are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children
- are disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002
- are disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000
- are disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care
- are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- have received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor

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- have received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- have at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- have been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- have refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- have been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months

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