



The Grange Academy

Wade Deacon Trust



Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am writing to let you know that a vacancy has now arisen for one parent governor to serve on the Local Governing Board. Individuals who sit on local governing bodies (LGBs) are referred to as 'local governors'. This is because the trustees of the Wade Deacon Trust delegate governance various functions to the local level (school).

Becoming a governor is very rewarding and worthwhile experience. Effective governors do not need educational expertise but do need to be committed to their school, willing to ask questions and offer appropriate challenge and support. Governors also need to be able to work as an enthusiastic member of the governing body team with the aim of raising and maintaining high educational standards for all children. Governors are asked to act with integrity, honesty and objectivity and act at all times in the best interests of the school.

Governors will have a number of opportunities to access training or development to develop and enhance their knowledge and skills.

It is important to note that governors are elected or appointed to bring the experience of that individual as a member of the governing body. Once elected, parent governors are a representative parent but not a delegate. This means they are not expected to report back to parents on any matters relating to the school or governing body without prior consent from the governing body.

The Governing Body welcomes nominations from individuals with the following skills or experience:

* governance experience / data analysis / finance management / human resource management / local community knowledge / community services / premises & buildings management / commercial / special needs awareness / health and safety / leadership and management / marketing and PR

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as member of the Local Governing Board. Any reference to Directors within this document also applies to members of the Local Governing Board.

If you would like to stand for nomination, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than **Monday 28th September 2020**. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

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. If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,

Returning Officer

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Confirmation of Eligibility for Governors, Directors and Members of an Academy

Ref Article no. 68-80 (p.26-28) of the Articles of Association

The Grange School, part of the Wade Deacon Trust

DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

68. No person shall be qualified to be a Director unless he is aged 18 or over at the date of his election or appointment. No current pupil of any of the Academies shall be a Director.
69. A Director shall cease to hold office if he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his own affairs.
70. A Director shall cease to hold office if he is absent without the permission of the Directors from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated.
71. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director if –
- a. he has been declared bankrupt and/or his estate has been seized from his possession for the benefit of his creditors and the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
 - b. he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.
72. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director at any time when he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
73. A Director shall cease to hold office if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006, is disqualified from acting as a Director by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).
74. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director if he has been removed from the office of charity Director or Director for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he by his conduct contributed to or facilitated.
75. Not used.
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77. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director where he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

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78. After the first Academy has opened, a person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director if he has not provided to the chairman of the Directors a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997. In the event that the certificate discloses any information which would in the opinion of either the chairman or the Chief Executive Officer confirm their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified. If a dispute arises as to whether a person shall be disqualified, a referral shall be made to the Secretary of State to determine the matter. The determination of the Secretary of State shall be final.
79. Where, by virtue of these Articles a person becomes disqualified from holding, or continuing to hold office as a Director; and he is, or is proposed, to become such a Director, he shall upon becoming so disqualified give written notice of that fact to the Clerk.
80. Articles 68 to 74, Articles 77 to 79 and Articles 97 to 98 also apply to any member of any committee or delegate of the Directors, including a Local Governing Body, who is not a Director.

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Election of Parent Governors

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of the person being nominated for election:

Name:

Address:

Signature of person nominated:

Signature of proposer (if different to nominee):

Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and
(ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in paragraphs 68 – 80 of the Articles of Association

Signature Date.....

*Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by **Monday 28th September 2020.***