



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

13th November 2023

Dear Parent or Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

I am writing to tell you that there is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Board of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form and to invite parents (includes anyone with parental responsibility), grand-parents or carers, foster parents or parents with children at this or another School or used to be a parent of a child who attended this School who would like to be appointed to put their names forward. We would also welcome Governors who held a previous Governor role capacity, be that in Education or otherwise, or have skills in HR, Finance, Health and Safety and Business.

Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents, carers and foster parents of registered pupils at the school, for a **4 year** term. Parent Governors share equally with other members of the governing board the responsibility for carrying out the governing board's legal responsibilities. The position of school governors has always been an important one that is vital to the effective running of the school and is a means of giving worthwhile service to the community.

If you wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor please complete the online nomination form under "Parents" on our website or [click here](#). All nominations should be returned online to me via the school by **9.00 am on Monday 27th November 2023**. You may also like to include some detail about yourself and why you would like to become a governor to support your nomination. This will be used if there is a need for an election by secret ballot. This will only take place if there are more nominations than there are vacancies.

There are some circumstances that disqualify an individual from serving as a school governor and these are attached. Please ensure that you read through these. If you require any further information about the role of a governor please contact our Clerk, Mrs Heather Large on 07746 359827 or clerk@southwolds.notts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Heather Large
Clerk to the Governors

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DISQUALIFICATIONS

A Governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment. There is no upper age limit for serving as a governor. A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she fails to attend the governing board meetings – without the consent of the governing board – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor of a school if, in summary, that person is the subject of:

- 1.1 ***No person shall be qualified to serve on the LGB unless he is aged 18 or over at the date of his election or appointment. No current pupil of the Academy shall be entitled to serve on the LGB.***
- 1.2 ***A person serving on the LGB shall cease to hold office if he becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing or administering his own affairs.***
- 1.3 ***A person serving on the LGB shall cease to hold office if he is absent without the permission of the Chair of the LGB from [all meetings] of the LGB held within a period of six months and the LGB resolves that his office be vacated.***
- 1.4 ***A person shall be disqualified from serving on the LGB if:***
 - 1.4.1 his estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
 - 1.4.2 he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.
- 1.5 ***A person shall be disqualified from serving on the LGB at any time when he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Trustees 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).***
- 1.6 ***A person serving on the LGB shall cease to hold office if he would cease to be a Trustee (of any company) by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision) or he is otherwise found to be unsuitable by the Secretary of State for Education under the provisions of the funding agreements.***
- 1.7 ***A person shall be disqualified from serving on the LGB if he has been removed from the office of charity trustees or trustee 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.***
- 1.8 ***A person shall be disqualified from serving on the LGB if he has not provided to the Chairman 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.

- 1.9 *A person shall be disqualified from serving on the LGB if he is a person in respect of whom a direction has been made under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or is subject to any prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if it contained in such a direction.*
- 1.10 *A person shall be disqualified from serving on the LGB 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.*