



ST LAWRENCE C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Governing Body Vacancy at St Lawrence

There is currently a vacancy on the Governing Body at St Lawrence for a parent appointed governor.

The role of Governing Body is to provide strategic leadership and to have oversight of educational and financial performance. St Lawrence is a standalone academy and the Governors manage all aspects of compliance in this respect. All governors are volunteers, and no formal qualifications are required; training is available and is to be undertaken. The term of office for all governors is four years.

To be effective in the role you will need to have some availability during the school day in order to experience the life of the school and to attend the working committees of the governing body. Those in employment are entitled to "reasonable" time off work to carry out their governorship duties, and this should be arranged in agreement with your employer.

To be eligible, you must be a parent or carer of a pupil currently attending St Lawrence. For this purpose, the term parent or carer includes any individual who has parental responsibility or who is a day-to-day carer for a registered pupil at the school. Please see the attached information regarding the roles and responsibilities of a school governor and a nomination form. If you've any questions about the role or process, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, by emailing clerk@stlawrencehurst.co.uk.

We would warmly encourage applications from parents and carers from all backgrounds and communities. In particular, we welcome candidates who can bring a broad range of perspectives and lived experiences to our governing board helping it to better reflect the diversity of our school community. A diverse governing board can help ensure that a wide range of views and perspectives are considered when holding school leadership to account in the best interests of all pupils. If you feel you could contribute to the work of the board, we would encourage you to consider standing for election.

To register as a candidate, application is by Nomination Form attached to this email, the deadline for applications is 3.30pm Friday 23rd October 2026. If two or more nominations are received, there will be a ballot to appoint the Governor, and all parents and carers will be entitled to vote.

Thank you for your continued support.

Duncan Codd and Ally Dobson

Co-Chairs of Governors

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