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Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Owens





Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Following the retirement of our very valued Louse Armory, a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our governing board has arisen.

## The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

## The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- · A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- · Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- · The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance

## **Expectations of governors**

Governors serve for four-year terms (although they can retire at any time). They should be committed to attending our meetings: we have six full meetings per year, usually in the early evening. Governors also take part in visits to the school to see teaching and learning in action. Specialist 'educational' skills are not required: dedicated training is provided to governors. You will understand the requirements that confidentiality is maintained and that a DBS check is made of each governor. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact our Clerk, Fiona Swain at fswain@bma.epworthtrust.org.uk.

How to apply:

If you're interested in applying for the role, please send a message to info@bma.epworthtrust.org.uk by 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

Many thanks

Sarah Owens