

WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR: NOMINATIONS

We now have two vacancies for a parent governor on our governing body, and wonder whether you would be interested in putting yourself or another parent forward for this role. Governors need not to be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children, enthusiasm and commitment. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and see yourself supporting, challenging and contributing to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfill our vision, please read the details of what you will need to do to be nominated on the reverse of this letter.

Parent governors are elected by parents and from parents and are vital to our governing body, they bring a parental perspective to the attention of the governors. Parent governors share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities and we value the experience that all governors bring to the role. The governing body carries out its strategic role by setting the vision for the school; the day to day running of the school is delegated to the Headteacher.

The role of the governor has steadily risen in responsibility over the last few years, and is increasingly becoming more professional and accountable. This is not a small commitment but it can be the most rewarding and satisfying "job" that you will ever have. By becoming a governor, you will have the opportunity to gain new, highly transferable skills, work as part of a team and make a real contribution to the life and work of your child's school.

Our governors currently:

- Attend seven governing body meetings each year
- Visit the school, formally and informally, to attend events and for monitoring purposes
- Commit to attend training to develop knowledge and skills

If you join our governing body, you will serve for a four year term and you can continue to the end of the term of office even if your child/children leave the school.

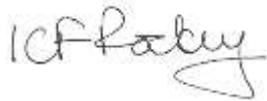


If any of that sparks your interest and you would find it useful to have further conversation/discussion about what this role entails, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Wyartt (chair of governors) or Stuart Hill (vice chair of governors and parent governor) (via the school office). We will be very willing to answer any questions.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by 24th October 2018. You do not need a seconder and you can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate stating that they are willing to stand and a statement provided. If there is more than one nomination an election by secret ballot will be held – a parent from each family being eligible to vote.

Please think about taking on this role, or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors to continue to develop the future vision and strategy of Westwood With Iford School.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Rockey', written in a cursive style.

Ian Rockey
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