



Walderslade Girls' School

Specialist College for the Arts

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Dear Parent/Carer

Election of Parent Governors

I am writing to invite you to consider standing for election as a Parent Governor to the Local Governing Board for Walderslade Girl's School.

Every school has a Governing Board or Body, which includes several categories of Governors including Parent Governors. Parent Governors are elected to serve for a period of 4 years although can, if they wish, resign at any time.

Together with the Headteacher, the Local Governing Board has several important responsibilities related to how the school is run. These responsibilities include overseeing teaching standards, having responsibility for pupil outcomes, ensuring health and safety regulations are followed and to ensure that the safeguarding policy is properly implemented.

No special qualifications are needed to be a parent governor but one of the most important things is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the work of the Local Governing Board. To support Governors in their work full training is provided at no cost to the individual.

In our school we have two Parent Governors who serve for a term of office of 4 years. The Local Governing Board meets at least 6 times over the course of the school year with further meetings being held as maybe necessary.

If you think you would like to become a member of the Local Governing Board and would like to stand for election, please provide a short personal statement (a maximum and no more than 250 words). The statement could include biographical information, your reasons for wanting to be a Parent Governor, your skills and the contribution you believe you could make to the Governing Body. Applications can be emailed to clerk@waldersladegirls.org.uk or posted to Mr G Mills, Clerk to the Local Governing Board, Walderslade Girl's School, Bradfields Avenue, Chatham, Kent. ME5 0LE. Completed applications should be returned within 10 school days, i.e. by Tuesday 25 September.

If the number of nominations received is equal or less than the number of vacancies, the nominee(s) will automatically be elected as Parent Governors; if there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot (vote) will be held and copies of the personal statements will be sent to all parents; 10 school days will be allowed for the return of ballot papers.

If you would like more information about being a School Governor, please contact me via the school and I will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Mills
Clerk to the Local Governing Board



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