



Dear Parent

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR PARENT LOCAL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

I am writing to you to inform you about current vacancies for the position of parent local governor and to invite applications. The current composition of the Interim Local Governing Committee at Barlby High School, when it is complete, comprises seven local governors of which two will be parents of children at the school. There are currently **two** parent local governor vacancies within school. In the first instance, the term of office for all governors on the Interim Local Governing Committee will be one year, to be reviewed by the Hope Sentamu Learning Trust Board of Trustees.

The Interim Local Governing Committee also comprises:

- Trust-appointed local governors (appointed by the Board of Trustees on a skills basis)
- The Executive Principal (*ex officio*)
- The Trust CEO
- A representative of the Board of Trustees

What do Local Governors do?

Local governors within Hope Sentamu Learning Trust have the following central duties:

- i) setting the vision of the local school
- ii) holding the Headteacher/Principal to account

The Interim Local Governing Committee serves as a sub-committee of the Hope Sentamu Learning Trust Board of Trustees, and their responsibilities are set out within the Trust's Scheme of Delegation. If required, the Board can either delegate more powers to the Interim Local Governing Committee or withdraw powers in exceptional situations.

In addition to this, the purpose of the Interim Local Governing Committee will be to monitor progress against the Ofsted action plan for the school, to be enabled to make quick decisions where required in-line with the need for rapid school improvement, and to report back to the Board of Trustees.

Local governors will be asked to sign an agreement that they will work in line with the vision and values of the Hope Sentamu Learning Trust. Governors are not involved in the operational running of the school; the daily management of the school is the responsibility of the Acting Principal and Executive Principal. All decisions are made as a group; governors are there as a corporate body responsible for the governance of the school and not to represent their own interests or the interest of others.

Do Parent Local Governors have special responsibilities?

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No, parent local governors do not have extra duties. Local governors work as a team, with shared responsibilities. The parent local governors speak as parents: they can't speak for all parents.

How are Parent Local Governors appointed?

We take the term 'parent' to include anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as 'natural' parents. **An application form is available on request for submission by 5pm on Monday 25th April 2022. Interviews for the role will be held on Tuesday 3rd May.**

Parent local governors must be people who have children at the school when they are appointed. Applicants should also have a strong belief in continually improving the quality of education of children at school and have the time to commit to attend training and Local Governing Committee meetings. **Appointment to the role of parent local governor will be made on a skills basis and we are particularly looking for applications from parents who have strong analytical skills, and experience of HR, people management and school improvement.**

Anyone having any query about the appointment process is invited to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Richards, Chair of the Interim Local Governing Committee