



The STANWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Parent Governors

Our two Parent Governors have come to the end of their term of office and have since been re-elected as Local Governors. We are, therefore, seeking to appoint three new Parent Governors from the Stanway and Thomas Lord Audley Schools for their joint Local Governing Board.

Each governor will sit on committees that broadly reflect their expertise and interests as well as contributing to areas in which they are not necessarily an expert. This may involve sitting on panels for dealing with staff or student issues or hearing a complaint. What we are looking for are individuals who are passionate about the schools' philosophy, share their ethos and are willing to dedicate the time to be the critical friend who can help us achieve our goals.

Stanway & Thomas Lord Audley School governors will possess good strategic and general financial awareness, critical listening and appraisal skills and the ability to ask the right probing questions.

We seek individuals who have an awareness of standards in public life, a determination to abide by them and the integrity to participate in collective decision-making in the best interests of the schools.

Governors will be able to demonstrate:

- An active interest in secondary education and lifelong learning
- A commitment to delivering academic excellence through innovation
- An ability to work positively in a team and debate issues in a constructive manner
- A commitment to promoting equality and diversity
- The capacity to shape, implement and monitor policy

Desired skills and experience (it is not necessary to have all of these!):

- Law (education, employment, contract)
- Finance (particular within the education or charity sectors)
- Education management and governance (serving or former senior leaders of schools)
- Experience as a school governor
- Site, building and facilities expertise, land use, school building design and ICT



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Governors will be expected to attend meetings on five evenings throughout the year as well as undertake school visits and sit on panels as and when required.

Further information

You are welcome to contact the Clerk to the Local Governing Board (Sharon Burns) via e-mail sharon.burns@stanway.essex.sch.uk or telephone 01206 245002 for more information about the requirements of the role. We will also be holding an informal information session with the headteachers and existing governors, talk to governors about the role and ask questions.

Next steps

Should you be interested in applying to become a Parent Governor, you will be asked to complete an application form. Should there be more than 3 applicants, it will be necessary to hold an election when other parents will vote. Successful applicants will also need to undergo a DBS check.

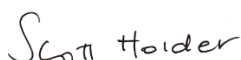
This is an exciting time to become a governor for the Stanway & Thomas Lord Audley Schools as both schools have increasing rolls, strong performance records and have recently joined Sigma, a newly-formed Multi-Academy Trust.

Both schools have really valued the support of governors from a diverse background and are seeking to strengthen our already strong Local Governing Board still further. If you feel you have the above skills and the time to commit to the role, we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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