

New Parent Governors Wanted!

We need to appoint two new parent governors to take up the role from September.

Who are the governors?

Our Governing Body is made up of 12 Governors: 5 Parent Governors, 4 co-opted Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor, the head and a staff representative. There is one full Governing Body Meeting every half term (6-8pm - always ending on time), and in addition Governors join one of four committees that meet six times a year (8-9am) in advance of the full Governors' Meeting. The term of office for a Governor is four years.

The Governing Body has a commitment to the ongoing success of the school and a responsibility, alongside school staff, for deciding the strategic direction. It fulfils statutory duties to ensure that the school is a safe, healthy and inclusive environment and in supporting and challenging the leadership team as 'critical friends'. More information can also be found on the school website under the Governors page in the School Information section.

Why are there vacancies?

We are losing parent governor Julia Hollis as her 8 years (2 terms of office) has come to an end. Julia has been critical to our school's success and development over this long period, not least as vice chair, Chair of Staffing (involved in appointing our wonderful staff!) and as lead governor for all things safeguarding.

Parent Mark Peters has served his 4 year term. Mark has been our data crunching expert and his incisive questioning has really moved us forward. Both Julia and Mark have been fantastic in the role, supporting all things EP and getting the governor role of challenge and support just right. I have really valued their support and loved working with them both. Thank you.

So we need two replacements!

What are we looking for?

We would welcome nominations from parents who are committed to our vision and values as a local community inclusive school and who would like to support the school in maintaining our outstanding status and in setting our future strategic direction. It helps to have the time to engage beyond the six evening meetings a year and six 8am committees in some way, for example, helping with interviews, attending site visits for building works, meeting link inspectors or meeting children to gain feedback on practice and innovations. NB - no one governor does all this, but the more you can engage the more rewarding it is.

If you want more information about what being a governor entails please do contact Jen Allan, our current Chair of Governors, jennifer.allan@education.gov.uk, talk to other parent governors, talk with Tania or me.

If you are interested in applying please complete the nomination slip below and write a 300 word pen picture of yourself setting out why you would be good in the role and send it with a recent portrait photo to Tania in the office (Tania@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk) by **Friday 23 June**. Candidate's details will be made available to the parent community for a ballot based election closing on **Friday 7 July**.

ELEANOR PALMER PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Name..... Parent of

Nominated by..... Parent of

Seconded by Parent of

I have attached a personal statement.
Please return to the office by **FRIDAY 23 JUNE**. Thank you!