

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION 2021

As Flora Cornish and Rifca Le Dieu reach the end of their terms of office as governors this summer, we need to appoint two new parent governors to take up the roles from September.

Who are Eleanor Palmer Governors?

Our Governing Body is made up of 13 Governors:

- 5 Parent Governors - elected by the parent body
- 5 Co-opted Governors – elected by the Governing Body for the skills they can contribute
- 1 Local Authority Governor- nominated by the local authority and appointed by the Governing Body
- The Head(s) and a teacher representative

What does the Governing Body do?

Governors are overseers of the school, working alongside the Headteacher(s) and senior staff to decide the school's strategic direction, and to monitor and evaluate its plans. The Governing Body is committed to the ongoing success of the school, ensuring the best outcomes for all children. It must ensure that the school is a safe, healthy and inclusive environment, supporting and challenging the leadership team as 'critical friends'.

Parent governors bring a parental perspective to the Governing Body. They make sure that parents are considered and consulted, and that decisions are made in the best interests of all children.

Governor committees focus on curriculum, staffing, finance, and engagement and relationships between pupils, parents and the community. Whilst expertise in these areas is welcomed, our Governors bring to these committees a broad range of skills and experiences.

How much time will it take?

- The term of office for a Governor is four years.
- Smaller committees meet each half term (8-9am). Decisions and discussions at the committee meetings feed into a full Governing Body Meeting.
- All Governors meet at the full Governing Body Meeting each half term (6-8pm).

It helps to have the time to engage beyond the meetings too, for example, helping with interviews, attending site visits for building works, or meeting children to monitor the school's developments. No one governor does all this, but the more you can engage the more rewarding it is! The school can support with childcare costs as needed to enable your attendance.

Who are we looking for?

We are a diverse community and want our Governing Body to reflect this in its membership. To be effective, the Governing Body needs a range of skills, knowledge and experience drawn from work and life. Whilst there are no particular qualifications required for the role, all Governors need inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn.

We welcome nominations from parents who are committed to our vision and values as an inclusive local community school, supporting Eleanor Palmer in maintaining its Ofsted outstanding status, and getting involved in setting our future strategic direction.

There is plenty of opportunity for learning in role through training, support from other governors, listening and asking questions, and participation. Being a Governor builds personal and professional skills whilst supporting Eleanor Palmer to improve children's education, opportunities and futures.

If you would like to find out more please talk to Kate Frod, Sally Hill or Natalie Stevenson, or to any of our current Parent Governors. You can also email Jen Allan, our Chair of Governors governors@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk

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. Send along with a recent portrait photo to Tania Tania@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk by **Friday 11 June**. Candidate's details will be made available to the parent community for a ballot-based election closing on **Friday 25 June**.

ELEANOR PALMER PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION JUNE 2021

Name..... Parent of

Nominated by..... Parent of

Seconded by Parent of

Please return to the office by **Friday 11 June**. Thank you!