

27th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

LOCAL PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

I am writing to inform you that there are vacancies for parent governors to serve on the Local Governing Body of John O'Gaunt School. All parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils are eligible to nominate themselves for these vacancies. A short nomination form is included with this letter.

Local parent governors are vital to the Local Governing Body. All governors share equally the responsibility for carrying out the Local Governing Body responsibilities. The Local Governing Body is focused on:

- The standard and quality of education in the Academy
- Welfare of students at the Academy
- The relationship between the Academy and the local community

You do not have to be an expert on education to be a governor; your role would be as a typical parent bringing a parent's perspective to the Local Governing Body and the Academy. We value the life experience that all local governors bring to the role.

If you join the governing body you will serve up to a four year term and you can continue to the end of your term of office even if your child(ren) leaves the Academy during that time.

Being a governor is rewarding but does require a commitment of time and energy to the academy. There are six Local Governing Body meetings each year (usually one per term, held in the evening at the school, or online if necessary) and you will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor; time to prepare for meetings, undertake training (especially safeguarding training), keep up to date with changing legislation and, most importantly, time to visit the school.

To find out more about what being a local governor at this academy is like please contact Lucy Lee, Chair of the Local Governing Body (lucy.lee@excalibur.org.uk), who can answer your questions.

If you would like to take this opportunity to nominate yourself as a candidate please complete the attached form and return to me via the school office or via email - martin.bull@excalibur.org.uk - by the end of **Friday 7th May 2021**.

If we receive more valid nominations than is allowed, a vote amongst parents will be held to determine who should be elected, but this is mathematically unlikely at present.

Yours sincerely

Martin Bull
Clerk to the Governors and Returning Officer
martin.bull@excalibur.org.uk



WHO CAN BE A LOCAL PARENT GOVERNOR?

All those who have parental responsibility for a child at this Academy and are over the age of 18 are eligible to stand for election, including parents who work at the school provided that they work for less than 500 hours per year when they are elected.

A 'Parent' is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18".

It includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. This must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

There are some circumstances that disqualify an individual from serving as a governor, please read the list of disqualifications detailed on the final page, and for each mention of 'Director' please read 'Local Governor'.

**Local Governor Nomination
Excalibur Academies Trust**



John O'Gaunt School	
Category of Governor	Parent Governor

Name:			
Address			
		Post code	
Telephone		Mobile	
email			

What are your current links to the Academy and its community (including children attending the Academy)?

What knowledge, skills and experience do you have that would support you in your role as a local governor?

Why would you like to be a governor?

**In what areas of school life do you think you are best placed to contribute in the future?
How could you do this?**

I have read the list of disqualifications and confirm that I am willing and eligible to be appointed as a governor

Signed:

Date:

Please return, by the end of Friday 7th May 2021, to Martin Bull, Clerk to the Governors and Returning Officer, via the school office or via email to martin.bull@excalibur.org.uk

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Article 80 of the Articles of Association of the Excalibur Academies Trust states that: Articles 68 to 74 and 77 to 79 also apply to any member of any committee of the Directors, including a Local Governing Body, who is not a Director.

Please find below Articles 68-74 and 77-79 of the Articles of Association of the Excalibur Academies Trust ~~for~~ Director please read Local Governor.

68. No person shall be qualified to be a Director unless he is aged 18 or over at the date of his election or appointment. No current pupil or current student of any of the Academies shall be a Director.

69. A Director shall cease to hold office if he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his own affairs.

70. A Director shall cease to hold office if he is absent without the permission of the Directors from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated.

71. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director if:

(a) his estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or

(b) he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.

72. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director at any time when he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).

73. A Director shall cease to hold office if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

74. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director if he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he by his conduct contributed to or facilitated.

75. Not used.

76. Not used.

77. A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director where he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

78. After the first Academy has opened, a person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director if he has not provided to the chairman of the Directors a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997. In the event that the certificate discloses any information which would in the opinion of either the chairman [or the Chief Executive Officer] confirm their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified. If a dispute arises as to whether a person shall be disqualified, a referral shall be made to the Secretary of State to determine the matter. The determination of the Secretary of State shall be final.

79. Where, by virtue of these Articles a person becomes disqualified from holding, or continuing to hold office as a Director; and he is, or is proposed, to become such a Director, he shall upon becoming so disqualified give written notice of that fact to the Clerk.

Note - for Director please read Local Governor.