



# THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

October 4th 2021

## Parent Governor Vacancies

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

We have one vacancy for a Parent Governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. The Cotswold School greatly values its partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the school as a whole. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this partnership is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor.

The Governors oversee the organisation of the school and their charitable purpose is the advancement of education. Governors are ultimately responsible for the performance of the school in achieving this aim and in ensuring the smooth running of its business needs and development.

Governors provide direction and support to the Principal and Deputy Principals, the School Leadership Team and the staff of the School.

Parent Governors are valued members of the full Governing Body and during their 4 year tenure play a vital role in ensuring Governors and school are aware of the views of parents and the local community. Governors are also listed as Trustees of The Cotswold School Academy Trust, as listed at Companies House following our successful conversion to Academy status in 2010.

We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to help to build on the successes of our outstanding school.

Nominations from all parents are welcomed, whatever their skills, knowledge or background though any expertise or experience pertaining to ICT or to disadvantaged or SEND pupils could be desirable.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact the Clerk to Governors (Mrs Hudson) with your nomination (Self-nomination is acceptable). **All nominations must be with the school by 12 noon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.** Nominations should include a statement of up to one side of A4 maximum in Arial font size 12 giving autobiographical details and such other information and views as the candidate wishes. Electronic copies are welcomed and can be sent to [governor@thecotswoldschool.co.uk](mailto:governor@thecotswoldschool.co.uk) but hard copies may be given to reception in an envelope. All statements will be displayed on the website (hard copies also available on request).

The guidelines giving full details about how Parent Governor vacancies are filled and what the role entails, can be seen on the school website. Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a vetting process and identity check and must do the County online safeguarding training.

If there is more than one nomination received for this vacancy, **an election will be held starting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 9am until 9am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** for which you will be sent a link to an electronic ballot. If you prefer you can request a paper ballot by contacting Main Reception on 01451 820554. You may vote electronically or return the ballot paper to pupil reception and the result will be communicated to candidates by **3pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and put on the website by the following day.** We will look forward to welcoming our newly elected governors to their first meeting (Full Governing Body) on **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** and to their chosen committee meeting in the weeks preceding.

Yours sincerely

Mr Will Morgan

Principal