



UPLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Re: Uplands Board of Governors - Parent Governor Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies for Parent Governors to serve on the Uplands Junior School's Board of Governors. Due to changes in outside commitments Mrs Neena Puri and Mrs Louise Jackson have stepped down as parent governors. We thank them both for the contribution they have made at Uplands.

Mrs Sam Hicks and Dr Wen Wang remain as your parent representatives on the Board of Governors. The other members represent the Local Authority, School Staff and the local community. The powers and responsibilities of Governors have changed significantly in recent times. Governors act in a strategic role, as a 'critical friend' to the school and are accountable for their responsibilities. Governors are elected for a four year term of office.

Some parents may feel that they do not have the necessary expertise, knowledge or skills to carry out the role of governor effectively or be put off by the amount of work involved. However, parents have much to offer to their local schools and can play a vital part in helping schools meet the needs of the children and communities they serve. It is very important that parents stand for election to the Board of Governors so that the views of parents are represented on it. We would particularly welcome parents with business expertise or links to the community.

Governors are not expected to be instant experts. The Local Authority and the School provide governors with the relevant information and training. Training events are held regularly throughout the year during the day and evening to help governors learn more about their role and keep up to date with changing curriculum and legislation. There is a time commitment. Full Governing Body meetings are held twice a term in school, usually around 5pm. Committees meet more often at a time convenient to the governors involved. In addition, at Uplands we like all governors to take on a 'Link' role where they take a special interest in a specific area of the school's development.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a form that explains how you can nominate yourself to stand for election. Please write a brief statement about yourself to help parents decide whom to vote for (if an election is required). Nominations should be sent or emailed to the school office and must be received **by 4pm on Friday 12th February 2016**. Should there be more than two nominations for the two vacancies ballot papers will then be sent out to all parents.

Remember, decisions taken by the Board of Governors will affect your child's future education. To make sure you have a voice in that decision making, please make every effort to take part in these elections.

If you require further any information about the role of governor please contact myself or Debbie Anslow, Vice Chair through the school office.

Yours sincerely

David Hughes
Chair of Governors



NOMINATION FORM
ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS
UPLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Deadline for Nominations is Friday 12th February 2016.
All forms need to be returned to the school office by 4.00 pm.

If you wish to put yourself forward to be a Parent Governor please complete the attached nomination form, additional copies of which are available from the School Office, and return it to the School (in an envelope marked Governor Nomination no later than **4pm on Tuesday 9th February**). Please use the space below to write a short statement about yourself and why you are putting yourself forward. This will be sent out to parents with ballot papers if more than 2 nominations are received.

I wish to nominate myself: _____ (your name)
Parent/Guardian of: _____ (child's name)
Of (child's address): _____

As a Parent Governor of Uplands Junior School, Finchfield Road West, Wolverhampton, WV3 8BA.

Signed: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT SUPPORTING MY NOMINATION

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