



FPTA Academies

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TBR/Parent Governor Recruitment

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Do you want to play a part in helping to ensure that children reach their full potential at The Robert Napier School?

Since I joined the school in September 2015 as Chair of Governors, I have witnessed massive improvements in all areas of the school; we have climbed 1500 places in the national league table and, in the Medway performance table, have many schools rated as 'Good' by Ofsted below us. Our sister school in the Trust, Fort Pitt Grammar, was rated 'Outstanding' in 2008 and is in the place just above us.

There is still much work to do, as Governors' expectations for the school, and our aspirations for all of the children who attend, are very high.

One thing we really want to improve is Parental Engagement. Children progress more if parents are interested in their education, and becoming a Parent Governor is one of many ways you can play a major part in the school... helping improve outcomes for all the students.

When I first became a Governor over eleven years ago, my primary reason was to understand education more. I wanted to make sure that children these days never feel that they are written off by the system, which is how I and many of my friends felt when I was at school. I am pleased to say that things have really changed since I was at school and both of my children have done well at school and gone on to study at University, the first people in my family to have done so.

What type of person is a Governor?

Anyone can become a Governor, it is a voluntary position but one which carries professional responsibility, however you don't need specific qualifications...but if you bring additional skills, these can add a lot of value to the Governance Team.

Essential Requirements

- Communication - able to listen to and participate in discussions, read and analyse reports, challenge respectfully in meetings and be focussed on the topic at hand.
- Commitment - time to read documentation and attend meetings, also be able to visit the school during the day at least once a year. We currently have 10 key meetings a year, starting at 6pm. We also occasionally have exclusion meetings, requiring 3 Governors, these happen in the mornings. So being able to occasionally help with these too.
- Comfortable with IT, such as email and Word for writing reports.
- Commitment to training - attend courses to improve your knowledge of School Governance.

Nice to haves

- Business experience
- Finance Experience
- Links to the local community.

If you do not feel that Governance is for you, but are passionate about improving the outcomes and aspirations of your child, then there are other ways you can support the school by joining our PTA. Whether you are interested in helping with the PTA, want to know more about the role of a Governor or wish to join the Governing Body and help to improve the life outcomes for all children in our school, please contact Mrs Mallion at the school and register your interest, and one of our Governors will give you a call.

Yours faithfully



Mr Terry Brown
Chair of Governors
The Robert Napier School