

14th March 2023

To all parents/carers of students at Outwood Academy Newstead Green

Dear Parent/Carer

NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

The Academy is seeking nominations for a Parent Governor to sit on the Local Academy Council of Outwood Academy Newstead Green. If you would like to nominate a parent for this position you will need to complete the attached nomination form and return it to the Academy no later than Friday 31st March 2023.

If on the closure for nominations there are more than one nominee, then an election will be held. Details of the election and voting papers will be sent to all parents/legal guardians/carers entitled to vote. If it is necessary to proceed to election, then the nominees are entitled to provide a statement of up to 200 words in support of their nomination to all voters.

Parent governors are a core part of a school's Academy Council. The role is voluntary and will appeal to parents who want to make a positive impact on their child's education and school life. The outcome is indirect, since the governor role has little interaction with the pupils or with daily school life but is much more "behind the scenes". Although we do make classroom visits and attend events.

The school's Academy Councils consists of:

- 3 - Sponsor Governors (up to 6)
- 2 - Parent Governors
- The Principal
- 1 - Staff Teacher Governors
- 1 - Staff Support Staff Governors

Before you decide to nominate someone, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children. The governing body is looking for governors who have children at the Academy. Governors need to have what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team and to be able to question.

Our governing body expects governors to attend termly meetings of the full governing body, which is three per year and a couple of regional meetings.

If you have any queries regarding the election process or the role of Parent Governor, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy or please consult the Academy website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Corbett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Lindsey Corbett
Principal