



Hello,

## Vacancy for Parent Governor

Thank you for showing an interest in the vacancy for Parent Governor.

Becoming a school Governor does require a level of commitment and a considerable input of time, but it can prove to be a very worthwhile undertaking. Training and support in this role are offered both by the Local Authority ("LA") and by other members of the School Standards Board. By becoming a school Governor, you will be joining a dedicated and enthusiastic team of Governors including parents, school staff and other community Governors. Induction, mentoring by an experienced Governor and LA training courses all help Governors to ease into their new role.

The position of school Governor has always been an important one; it is vital to the effective running of the school and is a means of giving worthwhile service to the community. Together with the Directors of the Castleman Academy Trust, the governing team is responsible for the management of the school's strategy, standards, development plan and policies, with specific responsibilities for the school's health and safety, safeguarding, curriculum, pupil progress and values. Local governors in the Castleman Academy Trust form the School Standards Board ("SSB"). They have a particular responsibility to get to know the school in detail in order to monitor school standards and support the Headteacher to ensure the very highest quality education for our children. As such, there is a commitment in terms of time and energy. Meetings are held twice a term, (generally on a Wednesday at 3.30pm) and a number of documents are circulated prior to this which must be read and understood and questions prepared to deepen understanding and provide constructive challenge. Whilst the commitment required of the role should not be underestimated, the reward in terms of contribution to the school and personal 'job satisfaction' more than compensates.

As a parent governor you hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint. Through the children you will have first-hand experience of the curriculum and how the school is perceived from the parents' point of view and you will be able to use this valuable perspective when considering the strategic management of the school. To be successful in the role of parent governor, objectivity is essential. This is not an opportunity to promote the interests of your own children; it is about being able to recognise the best course of action for all children and the school as a whole.

I should point out that there are a number of circumstances that disqualify an individual from serving as a school Governor. One requirement is that all Governors at appointment or re-appointment should be subject to a criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service. If elected, you would be asked to declare any convictions or bind-overs you may have incurred, including any that would be regarded as "spent" under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974. Your appointment would then be confirmed once satisfactory clearance has been received.

If you would like to nominate yourself for the position Parent Governor, in order to ensure eligibility regarding other areas, you are asked to complete the attached Declaration Form as well as the Nomination Form, returning both to the school in an envelope **by 9am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018** marked 'Parent Governor Vacancy' addressed to 'Governance Operations Director'.

Should you wish to discuss the role further, please feel free to contact me on 07970 071453 and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Prospective Governors are invited to meet with Michelle Stone to have a tour of the school and take the opportunity to discuss the role and find out more about school management.

Please contact the school office to arrange a tour if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Limont-Brown,  
Chair of Governors

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