



New Mills School

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Vacancy for a Parent Governor at New Mills School

We are writing to invite applications for the role of Parent Governor at New Mills School. As a small, community-focused secondary school, we rely on the involvement of parents to help shape the direction and future of our school. Becoming a Parent Governor is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the success and well-being of our pupils, staff, and the wider school community.

What is a Parent Governor?

Parent Governors play a vital role on the Governing Body, offering a parent's perspective in decision-making and helping to ensure that the school provides the best possible education and support for all its students. The role is both rewarding and challenging, giving you the chance to work closely with the headteacher and school leadership team to drive school improvement.

Who Can Apply?

We welcome applications from any parent or carer of a child currently enrolled at the school. No prior experience in governance or education is needed, just a commitment to improving the school and supporting its aims. Training and support will be provided, so you won't be expected to know everything from day one!

When all applications are received, an election will be held to appoint the parent governor. Details of the election process will be forwarded to all eligible candidates. All newly elected/appointed governors must hold an enhanced criminal record certificate. The Governing Board will apply for your certificate within 21 days of election/appointment of a new governor.

Why Become a Parent Governor?

Make a Difference: Your contribution can help influence the quality of education and life at the school for all students.

Develop New Skills: Serving as a governor can provide valuable experience in areas such as leadership, financial management, and strategic planning.

Shape the Future: You'll have the opportunity to contribute to important decisions about the school's policies, performance, and development plans.

What is Involved?

Governors typically meet once or twice per term, with some additional responsibilities depending on your role within the Governing Body. These meetings focus on a range of areas, including school performance, budgets, staffing, and the curriculum. The time commitment is manageable and flexible to fit around your other responsibilities.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for this role, please complete the attached **nomination form** and return it to the school office by **Monday 24th November 2025**. If you would like more information or a chat about what being a Parent Governor involves, feel free to contact our current Chair of Governors, **Sue Fisher**, sfisher@newmillsschool.co.uk

We value the input of all our parents and carers and look forward to welcoming new Parent Governors to our Governing Body.

Thank you for your continued support of New Mills School.

Yours sincerely,



Heather Watts
Headteacher

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