

What is a Parent Governor?

Firstly parent governors do not have to be experts in education- because governor training courses are provided by the local authority. Parent governors are very valuable, as we rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking. By becoming a parent governor you have the chance to play a significant part in the future of all the children at Abington Vale.

We are looking for candidates that can bring specialist skills to the governing body, a background in any one of Finance, IT, Law, Marketing or HR is always a benefit!

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll can stand for election.

What does it involve?

Governors normally hold office for a period of four years and are registered trustees of the Academy. Duties include setting the overall strategic direction of the school, monitoring the delivery of the curriculum, management of the school budget and involvement in policy development.

The governing body meets in the evening, six times a year, attendance is expected at all meetings. In addition to this we ask for each Governor to join one of our committees, each of these will meet 6 times a year- if you are particularly keen on the educational side of the school then the Curriculum Committee is ideal! If you have some non-educational skills you could add to our team then Finance and Personnel would be the best committee to join.

Suitability

In line with good practice, all school governor appointments will be subject to security clearance, to protect children and vulnerable young adults.

How can I get involved?

When we are recruiting for new Parent Governors we will advertise the position to all parents, however if you are interested in becoming a school governor then please let us know as soon as possible, we are always on the lookout for new members and we can Co-opt parents until a vacancy is available.