



04th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor. We currently have 1 vacancy and the term of office is 4 years. Governors are hugely important in the effective leadership of the school. We are seeking a committed parent/carer who wishes to support the school to be the best it can be for our pupils.

The role of the governing board

The governing board works together to:

- develop a vision and strategy for the school
- oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent
- hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- engage with pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community to understand their views

Who can stand for election?

To be able to volunteer, you need to be a parent or carer (or someone who has parental responsibility) for a child at the school. You do not need any specific qualifications and you do not need to work in education. School governors need simply to be committed to school improvement and to uphold the Nolan Principles of Public Life: honesty, integrity, objectivity, accountability, selflessness, openness and leadership. The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a parent governor.

To fulfil the role, you will need to:

- attend regular meetings (around 9 each year, usually in the early evening)
- visit the school occasionally to complete link governor monitoring/meet with staff
- be prepared to sit on governor panels which are convened occasionally to make decisions
- do some background reading
- take part in induction training and ongoing development in the role (which will be provided for you).

For information, employees are entitled to request reasonable time off work to fulfil public duties, including those of a school governor.

Every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. The governing board would particularly welcome applications from:

- parents/carers with leadership experience (in any sector)
- parents/carers with a particular interest in or experience with championing diversity and inclusion





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- parents/carers who have a passion for improving the life chances of young people in our community.

How to apply

If you would like to apply, please complete the following online form: [Parent Governor Election Nomination Form](#) no later than **3pm on Friday 15th November 2024**.

Your personal statement should support your nomination and be no longer than 250 words. If you would prefer to complete the nomination process by paper, you can do so by contacting our School Business Manager, Stephanie Blood at blood.s@risedale.org.uk, who will send you a paper copy.

You should be aware that the successful candidate would be required to:

- undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check
- provide referees for references
- sign the governor's code of conduct
- provide details of relevant business and financial interests
- agree to the publication of some details on the [school website](#) and on the [Get Information about Schools](#) service

If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will conduct a secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers and instructions will be sent to all parents and carers.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Greenwood

Headteacher and Returning Officer





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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Risedale family is committed to a positive future for all through a personalised learning journey.

AIMS:

- Celebrate success, learn from mistakes
- Build resilience, accept challenge and strive for excellence
- Shape curriculum to discover, explore and build aspiration

Eligibility and disqualifications to serve as a maintained school parent governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor if they:

- are employed at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12 consecutive months;
- are an elected member of the Local Authority.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if they:

- are a registered pupil at the school;
- have failed to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months;
- have been disqualified for failing to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months whilst serving as a foundation, local authority, co-opted or partnership governor at the school in the last 12 months;
- have had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- are subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which they were responsible; or to which they were privy; or to which they contributed, or they facilitated by their conduct; or
- have been removed, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of any body;

- are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999);
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 (or any other disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction);
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;
- are barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006;
- are disqualified from working with children under sections 28, 29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- have been convicted of any offence and received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- have been convicted of any offence and received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- have been convicted of any offence at any time and received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- have been convicted of an offence and sentenced to a fine under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- have refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate.