

BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or nominate another parent to do so.

In our school we have provision for two Parent Governors and there are currently **two vacancies**.

The Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing Bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed to become a Governor, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work.

Training is available for all Governors and our Governing Body has an expectation that all new Governors will attend free induction training.

Please check the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor that are with this letter carefully. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year, or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the nomination form and return it to the school, marked for the attention of "Tanya Harley, Clerk to Governors", or emailed direct to THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk no later than **Friday 25th June**.

You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

Should there be more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot and voting papers will be sent to all parents/carers together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,



Tanya Harley
Clerk to Governors and Returning Officer
THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk



Beaminster School Election of Parent Governor

Please enter the full name and address of the person wishing to stand for election (in BLOCK CAPITALS):

Name:

Address:

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Name and address of Proposer if different to nominee (in BLOCK CAPITALS):

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Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

I confirm that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a Parent Governor and that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Candidate's Signature:

Date:

All completed forms must be returned on or before Friday 25th June 2021 please

School Governance Regulations

Qualifications and Disqualifications to Serve as a School Governor



A Governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one Governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Governor or associate member if he or she:

- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors 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)
- has 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, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002
- is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000
- is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006
- has 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
- has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a Governor
- has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- has been convicted 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
- is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for Parent Governor at the same school
- is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to Parent and Community Governors only)
- has 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
- has been disqualified from holding office as a Governor of this school due to failure to attend Governing Body meetings for a continuous period of six months.

What some of our current School Governors say about being a Governor at Beaminster



Being a School Governor is a fulfilling, interesting and enjoyable way to contribute to the life of the school. The role of “critical friend” to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team is valuable and worthwhile, and can allow you to help make a positive difference to children during their school lives and beyond.

Being a Governor enables you to appreciate just how hard and conscientiously teachers work.

I am new to governance and I enjoying learning about how to be of useful service in the role. I like keeping the school's values of Ambition, Service and Kindness in focus in all areas of school life. I enjoy contributing to governance discussions and decision-making process alongside the experienced team of Senior Leaders and Governors.

Being a Governor is rewarding as it allows me to use my personal and professional experience to support the school and give something back to our community.

When I first became a school Governor I had no idea about what being a Governor meant, but I found the only qualification required was an interest and desire to help support the school in being the best possible version of itself.

Being a Governor of Beaminster School has enabled me to have a connection with the staff and students, supporting them in harder times as well as sharing in their successes.

It gives you a platform for any issues concerning children's education.

As a School Governor I help to put systems in place within the school which will support the safety and wellbeing of our children, as well as systems that ensure that all children have the best outcomes academically.

I have always worked in the commercial sector and enjoy the challenge of relating lessons learnt in my previous career to the issues faced by the school in preparing our young people to face the wider world. It has been a thoroughly rewarding experience.

Being a Governor is both interesting and rewarding and something I would definitely recommend to others. It's wonderful to be able to contribute to the life of the school, and the discussions we have really make you appreciate all the different challenges schools have to manage and overcome. It also allows you the real privilege of sharing in all the joys and successes of our students, who are of course what it is all about.