

Wynstream Primary School
Burnthouse Lane
Exeter
Devon
EX2 6AY

29th March 2023

Dear Community Member,

GOVERNOR ELECTION

There are vacancies for community (Co-opted) governors on Wynstream's Local Governing Body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill these vacancies. Wynstream is due to Academise on 1 April 2023 and will become part of the Education South West Multi Academy Trust (<https://educationsouthwest.org.uk/>) Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer.

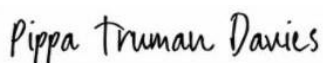
Governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting at least once every half term. Together they are responsible for the monitoring and challenging the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are people in the community prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to internal and external governor training. Those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for co-opted governors is 4 years.

If you would like to express your interest to become a member of the new Local Governing Body at Wynstream Primary School and stand for an election please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return to the school office or email Pippa Truman Davies, the clerk to ESW Board on pippa.trumandavies@educationsouthwest.org.uk Tuesday 18th April 2023.

The enclosed sheet summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason. Anyone who has paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more, have children in school, or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

Yours sincerely



Ms Pippa Truman Davies

Governance Professional
Education South West

Disqualification criteria

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

- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);

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- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief order or an interim debt relief order;

- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;

- is subject to:

- I. a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

- II. a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

- III. a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

- IV. 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 the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating 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 registration for childminding 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 three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;

- has received a prison sentence of two-and-a-half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;

- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;

- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;

- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a DBS check.

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NOMINATION FORM

Election for a Governor at Wynstream Primary School April 2023

Full name: _____

Children in year(s): _____

Pen Portrait (maximum 100 words) *

I wish to serve as a Governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a governor which I received with the nomination form and I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a School Governor.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form via email (pippa.trumandavies@educationsouthwest.org.uk) or to Main Reception for the attention of Pippa Truman Davies no later **than 12 noon on Tuesday 18th April 2023.**

* If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decided who to vote for if an election is required. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election.