



Dear Parent/Carer,

Vacancy for a Parent Governor at St John's CE Academy

The Board of Directors of SaGe Multi Academy Trust which currently incorporates St John's CE Academy has a vacancy for 1 parent governor to serve for a period of up to 4 years. Joining St John's Local Governing Board as a parent governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our academy.

As well as representing the wider interests of the multi academy trust, you would be joining St John's CE Academy, where we pride ourselves on providing opportunities for our children "**To be the best that they can be**". Our academy is distinguished by the quality of care given to all our extended family of academy, home and parish. We promote attitudes of mutual respect, tolerance and responsibility, celebrate diversity and difference, give every child the opportunity to develop their full academic and spiritual potential and build Christian values into the ethos and teaching within an Anglican framework yet exert no pressure to believe.

Governors play a key role in the strategic leadership of St John's and raising of standards including the appointment of staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain new skills. Don't worry if you have no experience as full training and support is available from your colleagues on the Board of Governors.

Please note that the most important duty of any governor is to attend meetings and you should be sure that you are committed and available to do this before applying. The Local Governing Body meets at least once every half-term and the meetings are usually at 3.30pm. New Governors are also expected to attend training sessions during their first year to help them understand the role.

We would be delighted to receive nominations from any parents; we are looking for a governor who will be committed to making a difference and it would be helpful if they had an educational or business background.

If you have further queries or would like more information about becoming a parent Governor then please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Valerie Cadd at vcadd@stjohnsceaacademy.co.uk or alternatively contact the school office: 01325 380725.

If you wish to nominate yourself as a parent governor then **please complete the application form** on our website: www.stjohnsceaacademy.co.uk and return it, marked for the attention of the Chair of Governors, to St John's CE Academy, Fenby Avenue, Darlington DL1 4UB or alternatively email to admin@stjohnsceaacademy.co.uk no later than **1:00pm on Friday 25th September 2020**. Nominations received after this will not be accepted. If necessary, an election will be held and further details will be sent in due course.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Large

Head Teacher

Parent Director Nomination Form

Please complete the following information if you wish to nominate yourself for election as a parent governor. Before signing the form please check that you are not disqualified from becoming a parent governor on the Local Governing Body for any of the reasons stated below. You may include a personal statement in support of your nomination that will be circulated with the ballot papers if an election is necessary. The statement should be no more than 200 words and should identify what skills you would bring to the role and what you think the role will involve. The Local Governing Body is particularly keen on parents with an educational or business background. Only the first 200 words would be circulated in the event that more are used in your statement.

Please write your name and address in block letters below.	
Name	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other title
Address	
Post Code	
Child or Children's Name(s)	
Class	

Please write your personal statement below (no more than 200 words) and identify what skills and experience you would bring to the Board of Governors and what you think the role will involve.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if required)

I agree to stand for election as a Parent Governor of the Local Governing Body of St John's CE Academy. I am not disqualified from being a Governor for any of the reasons listed in the Trust's Articles of Association set out in the following pages.

Signed:	Date:
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Please return this form by 1:00pm on Friday 25th September 2020 in an envelope marked 'Parent Director Nomination' to: Chair of the Board of Governors, St John's CE Academy, Fenby Avenue, Darlington DL1 4UB or alternatively email to: admin@stjohnsceaacademy.co.uk
Articles of Association: SaGe Multi Academy Trust

Disqualification of members of the Board of Directors/Governors

No person shall be qualified to be a Director/Governor unless he/she is aged 18 or over at the date of his election or appointment.

No current pupil or current student of any of the Academies shall be a Director/Governor.

A Director/Governor shall cease to hold office if he/she becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his or her own affairs.

A Director/Governor shall cease to hold office if he/she is absent without the permission of the Directors/Governors from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Directors/Governors resolve that his/her office be vacated.

A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor if:
(a) his/her estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
(b) he/she is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.

A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor at any time when he/she is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).

A Director/Governor shall cease to hold office if he/she ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor if he/she has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he/she by his/her conduct contributed to or facilitated.

A person shall be disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor at any time when he/she is barred from regulated activity relating to children within the meaning of section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor where he/she has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

A person shall be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor if he/she has not provided to the chairman of the Directors a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997. In the event that the certificate discloses any information which would in the opinion of either the chairman or any Chief Executive Officer confirm their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified. If a dispute arises as to whether a person shall be disqualified, a referral shall be made to the Secretary of State to determine the matter. The determination of the Secretary of State shall be final.

Where, by virtue of these Articles a person becomes disqualified from holding, or continuing to hold office as a Director/Governor; and he/she is, or is proposed, to become such a Director, he/she shall upon becoming so disqualified give written notice of that fact to the Clerk.