



Lightyear Federation

Caring, Dreaming, Thinking Bigger



Monday 11th July 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Governor Election

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of 2 parent governors on our newly formed Lightyear Federation governing board along with a possible position of 2 partnership governors. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the new federation vision striving to move our children forward in bigger and better ways.

The role of the governing board

The federation governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils across both schools.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in ensuring that the board is connected with, and is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to ensure the governing board delivers effective governance

Partnership governor

As a foundation federation, the partnership governor represents the schools within the local and wider communities, does not need to be a parent of a child in school and is appointed by the federation board if nominees have 'skills needed to contribute to the effective governance and success of the schools. Nominees are sought of parents and those in the wider and local community whom would support our board.

Expectations of governors

- Attendance at 6 to 10 meetings a year
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Committing to training as appropriate
- Visiting the school to support understanding and our commitment to the school plan

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for a role or you have a suitable nominee for a partnership governor, please complete the candidate form attached to the letter and return to Chair of Federation chair@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk or your school office by 21st July 2022. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies for the parent governors, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this. Partnership governor nominations will be considered by the federation governing body.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact me at chair@reptonmanor.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
Wayne Wills

Chair of Federation

Position sought	Parent / Partnership Governor strike through as appropriate
Candidate name:	
Candidate address:	
Contact email:	
Candidate statement:	<p>In this section, outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The skills and experience you have ➤ Your commitment to undertaking training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective governor <p>How you plan to contribute to the future work of the board</p>

Parent Governor

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school and am not:

- An elected member of the local authority
- Paid to work in the school for more 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Or, partnership nominations

I confirm that the nominee above for partnership governor is aware of and agrees to the nomination and would represent the school in a professional manner and is not:

- An elected member of the local authority
- Paid to work in the school for more 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____