

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new parent governor. If you have a commitment to improvement of outcomes for our students, a willingness to learn and an interest in being part of a friendly, inclusive and dedicated team then we would love you to join us.

### Who are academy governors?

Academy governors play an important role in helping to run local academies. It is an extremely rewarding role and governors are the largest volunteer group in the country, working to do something positive and make a difference to education in the community. Our governors are a mix of people from the area.

### What do governors do?

The academy's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the academy's educational and financial performance. We are all passionate about education and committed to continuous academy improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

### What don't we do?

We do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the academy, that is the job of the Principal and her team. We do not inspect the academy or its staff, we do not decide what the students are taught, and we do not make any judgements on the quality of teaching.

### What do parent governors do?

There are several different types of governor, and elected parent governors form an integral part of a governing body. You will be elected by the parents. However, you are not a parent representative and do not report back to parents. If parents have any comments about the way the academy is run, they should always get in touch with the Principal and her team first.

### What are we looking for?

We are looking for a parent governor who is committed to Cowes Enterprise College, an Ormiston Academy and its future, with a keen and active interest in education and academy improvement. Right now, we are also looking for people with skills in careers, SEND and educational knowledge but we welcome nominations from anyone who has an enquiring mind and willing to learn. We ask our governors to commit to: -

- Attendance at meetings
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Training
- Visiting the academy

All newly appointed governors are also required to complete an enhanced DBS check.

### What is the time commitment?

We hold two meetings a term on a Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm, currently these are held virtually via Teams. You would be expected to attend these and read all papers in advance. We would also hope you would get involved in additional link roles and responsibilities monitoring areas such as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Careers, Curriculum, etc. Currently training is done through webinars, there are regular briefings from OAT and there is reading to be done as part of your induction and to keep up to date with current educational thinking.

**We really look forward to welcoming another parent onto Cowes Enterprise College Local Governing Body. For further information and an application form please contact Jill Wareham, Clerk to governors at [jwareham@cowesec.org](mailto:jwareham@cowesec.org)  
Closing date for applications is 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### Training and mentorship

Training is an important part of learning your role as a governor and includes Induction, Safeguarding Young People, Child Protection in Education and a Practical Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation.

**Closing date to apply for the Parent Governor vacancy is 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 12 noon**