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Dear Parents / Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy

I write to inform you of a vacancy for the role of Parent Governor at South Ossett Infants Academy.

The role of the Academy Education Committee

The purpose of the Academy Education Committee (AEC) is to focus on challenging and supporting the quality of provision and educational outcomes for young people. The AEC is responsible for providing robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the academy's educational performance.
The AEC is passionate about education and committed to continuous academy improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a Parent Governor

As a Parent Governor, you'll work with the AEC to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the AEC.

To be able to volunteer, you need to be a parent, carer (or someone who has parental responsibility) for a child at South Ossett. You do not need any specific qualifications. The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the academy and be prepared to play an active part in the AEC's work.

Expectations of Governors

Accepting office as an AEC Governor involves making a commitment to be involved actively in the work of the academy and the Trust and accept a fair share of responsibilities.

The AEC meets 5 times per year, and we ask Governors to make every effort to attend all meetings, having read provided papers in advance and, where unable to attend, provide apologies in advance.

In addition to these meetings, Governors are expected to undertake visits to the academy as part of their role with a focus on an agreed area of academy life / strategy, and to undertake relevant training on appointment and at intervals during your tenure in role.

For more information on the work of the AEC, and the expectations of its Governors, please see our Governance Handbook for AECs.

How to apply

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please contact Holly Cooper, Clerk to the AEC, on hcooper@middlestown.accordmat.org to obtain a Nomination Form. Please return this before Wednesday 25th February 2026.

If we receive more nominations than there are vacancies, a ballot will be held. Details of the election process will be sent to all parents/carers eligible to vote.

Please note that being a governor brings considerable responsibility for proper school management and the protection of children and, therefore, the successful candidate will be confirmed as a governor on receipt of a satisfactory enhanced DBS check which will be undertaken by the Trust HR team.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Holly Cooper.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Young

Headteacher