



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

November 2021

Dear parents and carers

Opportunities to join the school governing body

We have five vacancies for parent governors on the governing body. It is unusual for us to be in such a position, but Covid delayed our being able to successfully run elections last year, and so we have more vacancies currently than would be normal. We do have 2 parent governors whose 4 year term of office will come to an end in January; they and we would very much like them to remain on the Governing Body, as they bring skills and expertise which we recruited to last time around.

We undertake a regular skills audit of the governing body and would welcome candidates with skills and knowledge in the fields of law or education. We have also identified some areas of diversity and representation that we need to strengthen. We are looking to increase the diversity within our Governing Body, especially with regard to ensuring a broader and more inclusive perspective on ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability. We would also welcome interest from parents who know the Lymm community well and share our passionate commitment to the importance of offering an excellent education to all the young people who attend Lymm High School. No experience of governance is needed, as we offer training and a buddy system for our new governors.

At Lymm High School we place high value on the contribution made by the seven elected parent governors on the governing body. They bring objectivity to the role, acting as a representative rather than a delegate of the parents, promoting the best interests of all the children in the school and not those of their own child(ren) or other individuals. They have regard to the broader responsibilities expected as a governor of a public institution regarding promoting accountability for its actions and performance. Whilst it is a voluntary role, it is one which we all try to approach with professionalism.

School governance demands considerable time (much of it during the school day) and effort from everyone involved, and we can discuss the time commitment involved with you in more detail. In return, successful parent governors can expect to be challenged and stimulated, developing a deeper understanding of current issues in education. It can also be great fun! Successful schools are transformational; you will be integral to one of the most pivotal organisations in the Lymm community.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact Mrs Helena Headon, Clerk to the Governors (email hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk; tel 01925 750707) by Friday 26th November. She can provide an information pack and arrange an opportunity for you to speak informally with Rebecca Knowles, vice chair or myself about what is involved.

Yours sincerely

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