



NORLINGTON SCHOOL FOR AND 6th FORM

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Dear Parent/Carer

Norlington School has seen many changes over the past few years, with many more to come. The school has transformed itself from requiring support to supporting other schools improve. We have a new 6th Form and we are now an Academy. The Norlington School governing body is in fact a key committee within the Exceptional Education Trust (our academy name) organisational structure, working closely with the trust directors.

A key factor that has facilitated this change has been the work of the governors.

We are currently in need of 2 parents to serve as Norlington School governors and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward.

The term of office is four years (although governors are free to resign if circumstances change) with the main tasks being to;

- support the school,
- ensure that pupils receive high quality education,
- provide a strong link between the school and the local community,
- plan for future development and improvements.

Whilst knowledge of the current educational systems is welcome, it is not essential. Full training will be provided by both the school and Waltham Forest Governor services.

We are looking for governors who can support the school moving forward, providing expertise, specialist knowledge or relevant experience in areas that the School may not have. We also need governors with common sense and willingness to give their time.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as;

- oversight and development of the ethos
- curriculum of the School
- well-being of pupils
- staff employment
- and use of resources.

You will be asked to attend evening meetings of the governing body approximately six times a year alongside visiting the school during the school day. Other roles may be taken up as you develop expertise.





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If you would like to stand as a candidate please submit a statement of no more than one A4 sheet, returning it to the school no later than **Monday 16th October**. The statement should highlight why you want to become a Parent Governor and include details of any expertise, knowledge and any relevant experience. **It should also clearly state your son's name and his form group.**

The role of governor is a rewarding one that helps shape the future of the school.

Please be aware that there are some circumstances in which you are not able to be appointed as a governor and this is explained on the next page. All governors must also complete the DBS process to comply with safeguarding policy.

We look forward to receiving your application letters.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hernandez
Headteacher





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A person may not be a school governor if any of the following apply:

- s/he is under 18 years of age,
- liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983,
- a foundation (other than ex-officio), LEA, community, partnership or sponsor governor who has been disqualified for failing to attend governing body meetings may not be nominated for election or appointed as a governor of any category at that school until twelve months has elapsed,
- s/he has been made bankrupt or sequestration of his/her estate has taken place. S/he has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors,
- s/he is subject to a disqualification order under the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986 or a failure to pay under county court administration order has been made,
- s/he has been removed from office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court,
- s/he has been included on the list of teachers and workers with children or young persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted,
- s/he is disqualified from being the proprietor, teacher or other employee of any independent school,
- s/he has served three months or more in prison (or received a suspended sentence) within the last five years whether in the UK or elsewhere,
- s/he has served two and a half years or more in prison within the last 20 years,
- s/he has served five years or more in prison at any time,
- s/he has been convicted of causing a nuisance and disturbance on education premises and sentenced to a fine.
- s/he has been subject to a disqualification order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

A conviction given by a Court outside the U.K. for conduct which would not have constituted an offence had it occurred in any part of the U.K. is disregarded.

Also

Any-one who works at the school for **more than 500 hours** (i.e. for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) or is an elected member of the LEA (Borough Council) is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor. Where parent governors were elected or appointed before September 2003, they may serve out their term of office.

Staff who are parents of pupils at the school can vote in parent governor elections, but cannot stand for election. They may, of course, stand as parent governor at any other school their child(ren) attend.

