

Vacancy on Elthorne Park High School Governing Body

[Elthorne Park High School](#)'s Governing Body (GB) currently has a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor.

We are an [outstanding](#) Community school with a focus on achieving academic excellence for all our students, and placing equal emphasis on developing students' character and potential. We offer a wide range of experiences and learning opportunities through a broad and balanced curriculum, providing an inclusive and welcoming learning environment for all.

Governors play a crucial role at our school:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding school leaders to account for performance
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We are looking for someone who wants to engage in the life of our school, help set our strategic direction and to act as a critical friend. No previous experience of being a school Governor, or of the education sector is necessary. As a Governor, you need to be open to learning new skills, obtaining wider knowledge and developing their own capabilities. A range of training is available to support you with this. The positive impact on your own development, and the opportunity to give something back to the community are just two of the many reasons that people choose to become Governors.

You would be joining a diverse group of Governors, from a variety of backgrounds, who each bring with them different perspectives and experience but who are there for the same purpose, to ensure we can provide the best education for all our students, and achieve excellence in our learning community. To help keep that diversity of perspectives, we welcome applications from women and BAME, LGBT+ and disabled candidates.

Looking at the current mix of skills and expertise across the GB, we would particularly benefit from the addition of Governors with skill sets in accountancy & finance, HR and Education. However, we are also open to applications from candidates with experience in other sectors.

The GB meets on five evenings over the course of the school year, and Governors are encouraged to join one of the two sub-committees of the GB: "Curriculum & Teaching" and "Resources". We also ask each of our Governors to link to a specific subject area or other aspect of school eg Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs, Sixth Form, in order to build a deeper insight into that aspect of how the school is performing.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Wendy Henderson the Clerk to Governors on whenderson@ephs.ealing.sch.uk by April 8th 2020, to register your interest. The Chair of Governors would be more than happy to have an informal discussion with anyone interested in finding out more, before formally applying.