

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

## Parent Governor Election

Jim Swanson, Parent Governor has recently been elected as to serve as our Local Authority Governor. We look forward to continuing to work with Jim. This leaves a Parent Governors which will need to fill as soon as possible.

Parent governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing board.

Our Governing Board meetings are usually held once a month on a Tuesday / Wednesday evening starting at 5.30 for approx. 2 – 2.5 hours. Governors are also invited into school during the school day for learning walks to monitor the curriculum through discussion with children and staff. A schedule of meetings and learning walks are set each year and are available from the school office.

The Governing Board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that governing boards need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board.

You might like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Gloucestershire County Council website <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/become-a-school-governor/>. Further information on the role can also be obtained through the school office, or speaking with a current Governor. Our Governors are Mike Barnsley, Kelly Hall, Jim Swanson, Sarah Guilfoyle, Kim Howard, Richard Prescott, Miss May.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, contact the school office with your nomination (self-nomination is acceptable), which will need to be with the school by 12.00 noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held and you will be sent a voting paper.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hayley McGoldrick  
Headteacher

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

## Summary of Disqualification Regulations

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his or her election or appointment and cannot be a registered pupil at the school. A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing body meetings - without the consent of the governing body - for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order, or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
  - i) a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986;
  - ii) a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002;
  - iii) a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002;
  - iv) an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
- has been removed from office as an elected governor within the last five years;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people;
- is barred from any regulated activity relating to children;
- is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;
- is disqualified from working with children or from registering for child-minding or providing day-care;
- is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;
- has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate.

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor if they are an elected member of the LA or if they work at the school for more than 500 hours in any school year.

Full details of the Regulations covering the disqualification criteria can be found in [The School Governance \(Constitution\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#).