



SOUTH WOLVERHAMPTON & BILSTON ACADEMY

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13th June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

SWB Academy Council: Member Vacancies

The Academy Council (AC) is responsible for both the conduct of the Academy and for promoting high standards. The AC carries out its role by ensuring that we work efficiently and effectively towards achieving our vision and targets. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the Academy and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging Senior Leaders and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The AC of SWB Academy is made up of Community Members, Parent Members and Staff Members. The Academy Council will have a responsibility to report back to the Ormiston Strategic Board, this will be done via the Chairperson.

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Member on our Academy Council. The AC is asking you to nominate someone or apply yourself to be a Parent Member. To do this you must hold Parental Responsibility for a child currently at SWB Academy. If more than one nomination is received, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Members need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the Academy and in the welfare of our students and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Academy Council. Members also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All Members are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our Academy Council expects Members to:

- Attend three meetings per year plus review/development meetings
- Visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least twice a term/year

In return, our Academy Council commits to:

- Provide you with a structured induction
- Provide access to quality training via the Governors Learning Partnership
- Provide you with an experienced governor as mentor

For more information, please feel free to contact my PA (Hannah Broome) on hbroome@swbacademy.org.uk or you might also like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Department for Education website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governors-handbook--3>

Please note that for the protection of children all member appointments are subject to a vetting process and identity check. If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate, please complete and return the attached form to Hannah Broome by **Monday 19th June 2017**. Your nomination should be accompanied by a short personal statement which should include:

- Evidence of the extent to which you possess the skills and experience the Academy Council desires;
- How you plan to contribute to the future work of the Academy Council.

If there are more nominations than vacancies then an election will be held. You may return the nomination paper either via your child or by post to SWB Academy, Dudley Street, Bilston, WV14 0LN or via email to hbroome@swbacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Election of Parent Member of the Academy Council

Forename(s) and Surname – PLEASE PRINT:

Name/s of Children at the School:

I wish to serve as a Parent Member of the academy Council and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a Member and I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a Parent Member.

Signed:

Date: