



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Invitation to stand for election as a Parent Governor.**

The Articles of Association of St Mary's Catholic High School Academy Trust provide for parents of pupils registered at the school to be represented on the Governing Body. There are currently **TWO** vacancies for Parent Governors on the Governing Body and parents are invited to consider standing for election.

Our Parent Governors provide a parental perspective on governance for meeting the educational objectives of the school. Additionally, Parent Governors should also be able to contribute towards the development of the school's engagement with the wider community.

On this occasion, the Governing Body would welcome interest from parents with a legal or human resources background or experience in pastoral care. You may find it helpful to read, ***Could you become a Parent Governor?*** You should also check your eligibility by referring to the list of ***Qualifications and Disqualifications***.

Before the nomination process takes place, parents interested in becoming a Governor are invited to meet with the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors to discuss the responsibilities of the role and the level of commitment required. This meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 25 February.

Before you decide, please consider the following important information:

- Only parents of children registered at the school are entitled to stand (or vote in an election if one is necessary).
- If you are successfully elected (or appointed) to become a Parent Governor, you will be required to undergo a 'Disclosure and Barring Services' check prior to your appointment being confirmed.
- If there are only two nominations, then the persons nominated will be deemed elected, unopposed.
- If there are insufficient nominations, the Governing Body has the power to appoint Parent Governors to fill the vacancies.
- The term of office will normally be for four years. If your child leaves the school before your term of office finishes, you may serve the remainder of your term. You may resign from the Governing Body at any time.
- In terms of time commitment, Governors would normally attend around ten meetings each year, should expect some additional involvement (for example training) and will be expected to support occasional school activities.

If you would like to consider becoming a Parent Governor, please email Mrs Julie Sims, Clerk to Governors [jsims@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk](mailto:jsims@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk) to register your interest.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Martin Molloy, OBE**  
Chair of Governors.

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