Parent Governor Representatives

A voice for parents in Knowsley

Parent Governor Representatives are appointed to sit on Knowsley Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board. They are appointed by other parent governors to represent all parents in Knowsley on the scrutiny of issues relating to education matters.

What is the role of Parent Governor Representatives?

- To attend and contribute to the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board where it is dealing with educational matters.
- To act as a non-political voice for parents and ensure Councillors are aware of parents views on educational issues.
- To report back to parents on the Authority’s discussions and decisions on education.
What is the Overview and Scrutiny Board?

The Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board was established in 2011 to scrutinise the decisions and actions of the Cabinet (the Council’s main decision-making body). The Board carries out this role in a number of ways:

- commissioning in-depth reviews into key issues
- examining the performance of the Council and its partners
- supporting the development of the Council’s key policies and strategies

The Board is made up of elected members (Councillors), young people, a representative of Healthwatch Knowsley and 2 Parent Governor Representatives.

What does the Parent Governor Representative position involve?

Parent Governor Representatives are invited to attend Board meetings where at least one item relates to educational issues. Parent Governor Representatives can:

- Speak for parents and pupils on educational matters
- Ask questions and seek clarification on information regarding educational issues
- Support the development of recommendations to help drive improvements in education-related areas.
PGRs are also invited to participate in education related scrutiny reviews such as reviews examining ways to improve educational attainment.

**Who can stand for election as a Parent Governor Representative?**

You will need to be a parent governor in a Knowsley maintained school and have a child attending a Knowsley maintained school at the date of the election.

The following persons are not eligible to stand as Parent Governor Representatives:

- anyone employed by the local authority;
- anyone employed at a school maintained by the local education authority, either as teaching or non-teaching staff;
- anyone who is a Councillor of any local authority.

**How can I put my name forward to become a Parent Governor Representative?**

You can complete the nomination form enclosed with this flyer and return by Friday 27 March 2015.
What happens if there is more than one application?

If we receive more applications than positions available an election will be held and further details will be provided. Candidates will be asked to complete an electoral address to support their nomination for PGR as part of the election process.

What help is available to carry out the role?

PGRs are invited to attend an introductory meeting with Scrutiny officers from the Council to discuss the role and purpose of PGR’s in more detail.

Where can I get more information?

- For more information about the nomination and election process, contact Graham Canning at Democratic Services on 0151 443 3521.
- For more information about the role of the Parent Governor Representative, contact Hannah Myers on 0151 443 3760
- Governor Support on 0151 443 5609