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

1. **Role of the Parent Governor Representative**

Parent Governors...
- attend and contribute to the Council’s overview and scrutiny committee where it is dealing with educational matters;
- act as a non-political voice for parents and ensure Councillors are aware of parent’s views on educational issues; and
- report back to parents on the Authority’s discussions and decisions on education.

2. **Council’s overview and scrutiny committee**

The Council’s overview and scrutiny committee scrutinises the decisions and actions of the main decision-making body (the Council) by:
- 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 committee is made up of elected members (Councillors), young people, a representative of Healthwatch Knowsley and 2 Parent Governor Representatives.

3. **Attending meetings**

Parent Governor Representatives are invited to attend committee meetings where at least one item relates to educational matters. Parent Governor Representatives can:
- Speak for parents and pupils on educational matters;
- Ask questions and seek clarification on information regarding educational issues; and,
- 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.

4. **Standing 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.

If you are interested, please complete the attached application form and return by Friday 1 April.