

# Highfields School Governing Board

## PARENT GOVERNOR INFORMATION SHEET

### COULD YOU BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR?

A parent governor has:

- an interest in all the children's future
- a desire to make a difference
- a willingness to accept responsibility
- an ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn
- the skills to contribute to effective governance and success of the school or at least the capacity and willingness to develop them

and will:

- act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school
- fulfil a largely strategic role in the running of the school
- visit and get to know the school and the people in it in accordance with the agreed visits protocol
- work in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards
- actively contribute to the work of the Governing Board
- abide by the adopted Code of Practice.

Once elected, a parent governor must operate in the best interest of all students and not as representatives to lobby on behalf of their constituency.

Parent governors:

- help to decide the priorities for improving the school
- focus on their three core strategic functions
- work co-operatively with other governors in the best interest of the school
- attend the meetings of the Governing Board and its Committees
- promote the interest of the school in the wider community
- have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
- are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Board
- respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
- withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
- have regard to the broader responsibilities as a governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Board
- participate in training.

*This is a good school. Ofsted, May 2017*  
*A good school with an outstanding Sixth Form. Ofsted, October 2012*

