



# Spalding High School

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**Headmistress** Mrs M Anderson B.Ed

Dear Parents,

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the School and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body carries out its role by setting the vision for the School and then ensuring that the School works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the School and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the School, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The Governing Body of our School is made up of parent governors, a staff governor, co-opted governors and a Local Authority governor.

A vacancy has arisen for two parent governors on our Governing Body. The Governing Body is asking you to nominate yourself or someone else with parental responsibility for a child at the School. If it receives more than two nominations, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the School and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body. We have a knowledgeable and skilled Governing Body who will support new governors joining the Board and Committees. Whilst prior experience of governance may be helpful, as are links with the community and local business, we would appreciate parents who are able to give this role the time, passion and enthusiasm it deserves.

If you are someone with the required experience, would you consider applying? Governors 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 governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our Governing Body expects governors to:

- Attend one termly meeting of the full Governing Body
- Sit on a nominated committee and attend the meetings which are usually 3 – 6 per year
- Visit the School formally for monitoring purposes at least twice per year
- Visit the School informally several times a year for functions and events
- Commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required and take part in monitoring at least two areas within the School

In return, our Governing Body commits to:

- Provide you with a structured induction
- Provide access to quality training via Lincolnshire County Council
- Provide you with an experienced governor as mentor
- Provide informal feedback on your contribution to the Governing Body on bi-annual basis

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our School, please email me with your contact details and I will pass on your details to the Chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

Jill Kent

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