

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our governing board.

### **The role of the governing board**

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. People on the board are passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for children at Brookfield.

### **The role of a parent governor**

As a parent governor, you will work with other governors to make Brookfield an even better school and you will play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to governor meetings. To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

School governors play an important role supporting and challenging the school to provide the best possible education for all our children. It is a rewarding volunteer role which gives you a chance to get closer to and work with the school's leadership team. **You don't have to have particular skills or qualifications to be a governor, and it is beneficial for the school to have a diverse governing body with a wide range of experiences and perspectives.**

### **Expectations of governors**

As a parent governor, you will be expected to:

- Regularly attend meetings (a committee meeting once a half term and a full governors' meeting once a half term, so four meetings each term)
- Maintain confidentiality
- Visit the school in your capacity as a governor
- Attend governor specific training (often provided by Camden)

### **How to apply**

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the form attached to this letter and return to Rosie Williams, [r.williams@brookfield.camden.sch.uk](mailto:r.williams@brookfield.camden.sch.uk) by **10am Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

If you would like to find out more about the role, **please get in touch with Jo Cooke, Brookfield's Chair of Governors. You can email Jo directly at [jvicooke@hotmail.com](mailto:jvicooke@hotmail.com).**

Yours sincerely,

Laurel Robin  
Headteacher

Here are some thoughts from our current parent governors on the role and what they think about it



**Zia (a Brookfield mum)**

*Being a parent governor at Brookfield School has given me a responsibility to be the voice of parents to the school leadership. It has given me great prestige to be involved with the shaping and moulding of the school curriculum and always looking at ways for children to be stretched and pushed to work at the best of their ability.*



**Frank (a Brookfield dad):**

*If you have an interest in how schools are run and a little time to spare, I would definitely recommend becoming a parent governor. I have greatly enjoyed supporting the school and working with Laurel and her team. I really feel that I have made a difference in my own way. And by being part of such a committed governing body, I have learnt and developed my own skills and expertise. It takes a bit of time and hard work, and as they always say the more you put into it, the more you get out!*



**Emma (a Brookfield mum)**

*Parent governors each bring their own valuable knowledge and experience to the running of the school. However that is not to say previous experience as a governor or in education is necessary - there is training provided where needed from Camden, and support and mentoring from other governors. Rather, an ability to listen and evaluate and bring your life experience to the table is all that is needed. Being a governor is a very varied experience, and you can get as involved as you want. I have loved learning so much about education and found delving into, and focusing on, an area of particular interest especially rewarding.*

## Brookfield parent governor application form

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Candidate name:</b>      |  |
| <b>Candidate address:</b>   |  |
| <b>Candidate statement:</b> | <p>In this section, please outline briefly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The skills and experience you have that will make you a good governor</li><li>➤ How you plan to contribute to the future work of the governors</li></ul> |

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school and am not:

- An elected member of the local authority
- Paid to work in the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12-month period at the time of election

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_