



WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

You will all know that our Academy is a part of the Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT). GAT is the organisation that is legally responsible for everything that happens within our Academy, and you probably know already that GAT has a Board of Trustees who act as our overarching governing body.

At GAT, we believe that Trustees will be able to do a much better job if they are able to listen directly to the parents/carers, pupils and colleagues who are affected by what we do on a daily basis.

For this reason, the Board has decided to appoint for each of our academies two Academy Parent Ambassadors (APAs). These APAs will be elected by the rest of the parent/carer body and must be people who have a child currently attending the Academy. Elections will take place every year, and we are holding the first set of elections during November 2024.

Although the APAs will not take any decisions about the running of the Academy, they will oversee our work to engage with the whole parent community and also ensure that the results of our stakeholder survey are sent to the Board every spring.

APAs will be offered the chance to meet with our Chief Executive Officer and possibly with some of the Trustees on an annual basis and they may be trained to support other academies in the Trust with governor panels to consider cases of pupil suspensions and exclusions.

There are no formal meetings for the role, but we would expect people considering being an APA to commit at least three or four days a year to their work.

As well as having a child in the Academy during the 2024-5 academic year, you will need to have an interest in helping the Academy and the Trust to improve and the ability to act as something of a figurehead for the parent body. In exchange for this, we will provide training for the role and reimburse any travel expenses you may incur, for example, if you have to go to another GAT academy.

There is a more formal outline of the role on the attached document – Terms of Reference.

If you would like to be put forward to the whole parent/carer body as a candidate, please complete the attached short form and return it to Jo Cosciani at jcosciani@westonfavellacademy.org by **16th October 2024**. Your name, along with your personal statement will then be shared with the whole parent body and, by returning it to us, you provide consent for this to happen.

The election process will run from 4th to 15th November 2024 and the results will be announced after that.

I look forward to receiving your nominations!

Yours faithfully

Todd Johnson
Senior Executive Principal

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