



Parent Governor Vacancy at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr - May 2021

What role does a Governing Body have?

Our school Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. The Governing Body provides strategic leadership and accountability. It oversees the financial performance and accountability of the school, sets targets for raising standards of educational achievement, monitors progress, supports and challenges performance, discusses policy and future development plans and leads the strategic management of the school site. It does not oversee the education that the learners receive. As the employer, the Governing Body recruits and appoints all members of staff working directly for the school. Governors are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between Bro Ogwr and the community it serves. Like magistrates or members of a jury, school governors have a right to reasonable time off work for their public duties, although this may be unpaid and is subject to individual HR policies.

We want you!

This term we are advertising three Parent Governor vacancies and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has an interest in the performance of the school, the ability to look at issues objectively, experience of working well with others, the confidence to ask questions and join in debate and a willingness to listen and make informed judgements. Full Governing Body meetings are held termly on a Monday from 4:30pm – 6:15pm. As well as attending full meetings, governors are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail and each governor may be asked to join a sub-committee and have a shared link area of responsibility. Once Covid-19 restrictions lift, some meetings and events may be held in school during the normal school day, although this will be arranged with governor availability in mind. Parent governors must have a child or children attending the school at the time of their appointment and should have a strong belief in and commitment to the Welsh medium community. Terms of office for parent governors are 4 years, at which time the parent would be required to step down or re-stand for election. All governors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct at all times.

What can we offer?

We offer the opportunity to work with our school community to ensure the best possible environment for our learners, a sense of achievement in making a difference and a chance to develop or strengthen skills in strategic management. Governors are required to complete mandatory induction and awareness training and ongoing CPD and mentoring support is offered to help build on existing skills or to develop new ones. Interested candidates are welcome to contact the school for further information and/or an informal discussion about the role, before submitting an application.

How to submit an application

If you would like to be considered for election please submit the following information to the school **by midday on Thursday 10 June 2021**:

1. Your Name, Address, Email Address and Telephone Number
2. Your Child's Name and Class
3. A short statement of **no more than 100 words** which will be included on the ballot form, should we receive more expressions of interest than there are spaces available on the Governing Body. Should this be the case, BCBC will arrange a parental ballot when restrictions allow. Please note if you exceed the word limit that only the first 100 words will be included on the form. Statements will be translated into English/Welsh as required. Please sign and date the information you send to the school. We look forward to hearing from you!

Nik Dart, Chair of Governors