



# The Astley Cooper School

Aspiration, Determination, Integrity

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## **ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR/S**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on this school's governing body with experience or an understanding of Finance, Health and Safety or Curriculum, which would complement the current governing Board.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and return the attached form to the school office by 9.00am on Friday 29 September 2023. You will need to ask another parent of a student at the school to sign the form.

Please be aware that regulations require everyone elected or appointed to a governing body to undergo a DBS (Disclosure and Barring) check. This is to ensure the safety of the students. If you are elected and you subsequently decline to undergo such a check, you will disqualify yourself.

Please give brief details about yourself (**not more than 80 words**) on the form. If an election is needed these details will be copied and sent to all parents with the ballot papers. **Please note that the 80 word limit will be strictly enforced and result in additional wording being deleted.**

If the number of nominations is the same as or less than the number of vacancies, then the people nominated will be deemed elected unopposed. If there are not enough nominations, the governing body has the duty to appoint parent governors to fill the remaining vacancies.

The governing body has determined that the term of office for a parent governor is four years. If you are elected you may serve the full term of office even if your child leaves the school before your term of office finishes. If an election is necessary, we will send you a ballot paper on Friday 6 October 2023.

Only parents of children registered at the school are entitled to stand or vote in the election. A parent who is paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in a school year or is an elected member of the LA may **not stand** for election.

Each parent will be sent one ballot paper regardless of how many children they have at the school, and each parent will have one vote per vacancy. The ballot will be secret and you will be notified of the result as soon as possible afterwards. In most cases, it will be obvious whether you are a parent. For the purpose of the election of a parent governor, a parent is:



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Parents (including carers) of registered pupils at the school. "Parent" is defined for the purposes of the Constitution Regulations as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18". It includes a person who the child lives with or who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

If you have any questions about whether you are eligible to stand or vote in the election or about anything else in this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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### NOMINATION FORM

Your name..... (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)

Address.....

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I have a child at the school and hereby nominate myself for election as a governor. I understand that if elected I will have to undergo a DBS (Disclosure and Barring) check. Biographical details (**80 words maximum**) for circulation with the voting paper are given below.

Signature.....

Seconded\* by ..... (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)

Address.....

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Signature.....

\*The seconder must be a parent of a pupil at the school.

Biographical details (80 words maximum)

Your completed nomination form must be returned to the school office by: 9.00am on Friday 29 September 2023



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