

The Rydal Academy

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Chief Executive: Mr D Judson, BEd, NPQH

Tuesday, 9th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Become a parent governor of the local governing body of The Rydal Academy**

The local governing body of The Rydal Academy has one vacancy for a parent governor to serve for a period of four years, with immediate effect. Joining the local governing body of The Rydal Academy as a parent governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of the academy.

The Rydal Academy school community is passionate about pupils enjoying and engaging in their learning while having the resilience and passion to succeed. We believe that every child has the right to the very best education. We want to give each child the opportunity and skills to improve themselves and contribute fully to their community.

The board of directors of Swift Academies has responsibility for everything that happens in the academy and the multi-academy trust. Directors play a key role in the strategic leadership of the academy. The local governing body has delegated responsibility for the raising of standards, and monitoring progress in the curriculum.

Please note that the most important duty of any member of the local governing body is to attend meetings of the local governing body and you should be sure that you are committed and available to do this before applying. The local governing body meets once each term and the meetings are usually from 1pm. New members of the local governing body are also expected to attend development sessions during their first year to help them understand the role.

If you have further queries or would like more information about becoming a parent governor then please contact John Armitage (headteacher) at the school or Tracey Curtis (governance partner, Avec Partnership) via email at [tracey.curtis@avec-partnership.com](mailto:tracey.curtis@avec-partnership.com).

If you wish to nominate yourself as a parent governor of the local governing body then please complete the enclosed form and return it, marked for the attention of Tracey Curtis, Schools & Academies Governance Partner at The Rydal Academy not later than **3pm on Wednesday 17 October 2018**. Nominations received after this date will not be accepted. If necessary, an election will be held and further details will be sent in due course.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact me through the school office, should you wish to find out more about the role before submitting a nomination form. I can also put you in touch with the chair of the board of directors of Swift Academies, or the chair of the local governing body of The Rydal Academy for further information if required.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

John Armitage B.Ed (Hons); NPQH  
Headteacher  
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**Parent Governor Nomination Form**

Please complete the following information if you wish to put yourself forward for election as a parent governor of the local governing body of The Rydal Academy. Before signing the form please check that you are not disqualified from becoming a parent governor for any of the reasons stated below. You may include a personal statement in support of your nomination that will be circulated with the ballot papers if an election is necessary. The statement should be no more than 100 words and should identify what skills you would bring to the role and what you think the role will involve. Only the first 100 words would be circulated (verbatim) in the event that more are used in your statement.

<b>Please write your name and address in block letters below.</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other title</b>
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Child or Children's Name(s) and Class</b>	
<b>Please write your personal statement below (no more than 100 words) and identify what skills and experience you would bring to the local governing body and what you think the role will involve.</b>	
<b>(please continue on a separate sheet if required)</b>	

I agree to stand for election as a parent governor of the local governing body of The Rydal Academy. I am not disqualified from being a parent governor for any of the reasons listed.

<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

Please return this form by **3pm, Wednesday 17th October 2018** in an envelope marked 'parent governor nomination' to: Tracey Curtis, Schools & Academies Governance Partner at The Rydal Academy.



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## Restrictions

In the interest of safeguarding students it will be necessary for your application to undergo a vetting process. Criminal records may be disclosed because being a member of the local governing body is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Exemption Act.

The following text summarises the qualification and disqualification regulations. Please seek advice if you think you may be effected.

A member of the local governing body must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment. A registered pupil of the school cannot be a member of the local governing body. A person cannot hold more than one position on the local governing body at the same academy.

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a member of the local governing body if they:

- are detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- have failed to attend meetings for six months
- are bankrupt
- are subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under companies legislation or an order concerning insolvency
- have been removed from the office of trustee for a charity on grounds of misconduct or mismanagement or from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- are included in the list of those considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of Education Act 2002
- are disqualified from working with children or from registration for child minding or providing day care
- have received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- have received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- refuse to make an application for a criminal records certificate

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### Local governing body: The Rydal Academy

- the maximum size of the local governing body will be 12, a chair and vice chair will be elected by the trustees, annually at the first meeting of the academic year

### Headteacher / Head of School

- ex officio

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. John Armitage	1 March 2018	ex. officio

### General

- maximum of five appointed by the trustees and executive board

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Hazel Bullock (chair)	1 March 2018	28 February 2022
2. Mark Gray (vice-chair)	1 March 2018	28 February 2022
3. Mark Emerson	1 March 2018	28 February 2022
4. Kelly-ann Lyle	1 March 2018	28 February 2022
5. Michael Jeffries	23 March 2018	22 March 2022

### Parent governors

- two elected by parents / carers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Clare Leech	1 March 2018	28 February 2022
2. Vacant		

### Teaching staff governors

- two elected by teachers

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Katie Turnbull	1 March 2018	28 February 2022
2. Charlotte Mawson	29 June 2018	28 June 2022

### Support staff governors

- one elected by support staff

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Ewa Kaszuba	29 June 2018	28 June 2022

### Representative from the executive leadership team

- ex officio
- appointed by the executive leadership team

	Term of Office Start Date	Term of Office End Date
1. Dean Judson	1 March 2018	ex. officio

