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Broadoak Academy Parent Councillor Election

Broadoak Academy has a vacancy for a Parent Councillor to join its Academy Council.

Broadoak Academy is part of Cabot Learning Federation (CLF). The core purpose of the CLF is at the HEART of all we do. Our vision is simple: we believe that by working together rather than in isolation we can accelerate school improvement and embed excellence in our academies. In doing so, together we create more opportunities for the lifelong success for our students as they become young adults.

Academy Councils are responsible for holding Principals and their leadership teams to account for the quality and effectiveness of the academy experience of the students under their care. Academy Councils are expected to both support and challenge the Principal and academy leadership with the aim of securing effective school improvement; to champion the achievement and educational entitlement of all children and especially those who experience disadvantage.

The significant contribution of the volunteers who make up the CLF Academy Councils and Board are essential to our ability to serve over 17,500 students who are educated in CLF Academies.

As a Parent Councillor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience not only for your own child but for children in years to come. This voluntary role can be challenging yet extremely rewarding and is a great way to build on your personal and professional skills. You will be supported in the role through a programme of training and mentoring allowing you to use your knowledge and experience to the full extent.

What will you do?

As a member of the Academy Council, you will help to develop the school's vision and priorities, review educational performance and make strategic decisions. Parent Councillors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. You



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will not be expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to meetings or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits for all children.

What skills do I need? You do not need any specific skills or experience to be a Parent Councillor, but you must have a child attending the school, and be confident in reading the documents that will be sent to you before each meeting. We are particularly keen to hear from parents who have skills, knowledge, or expertise in the following areas:

- a good local knowledge of the community surrounding the Academy and of the school itself
- and/or an understanding of safeguarding children from an educational background or other industry.
- and/or experience of working in a child focussed environment, particularly within the community.

However, if you have other skills that you think would be valuable to our Council we would love to hear from you. All Councillors are expected to complete an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and provide two references before being appointed.

The benefits of being a Parent Councillor:

By volunteering your time, you are making a positive contribution to our Academy's success and having an impact on the lives of our pupils, staff team, and the local community. Your role as a Parent Councillor can help you to develop transferable skills that are useful in your working life.

Through being a Councillor, you will also have opportunities to raise the school's profile and celebrate its successes within the local community.

How do I apply?

If you wish to stand for Parent Councillor Election, you are very welcome to put your name forward.



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All parents and carers within the Broadoak Academy community are eligible to stand for election, except:

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward, please complete the election form at the end of this document and return it, along with your statement, to the Academy by **Friday, 19th April 2024**.

You will need to write a brief factual statement about yourself (not exceeding 100 words) and return it with this form. You might like to include a little about your background and why you want to be a Parent Councillor. Should an election be necessary, the clerk to the Academy Council will circulate to voters your statement and those of other candidates. If you have any questions about the role, please feel free to contact either the Clerk to Academy Council, Sue Burns, or Chair of the Academy Council, Becky Frise via sue.burns@clf.uk



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Academy Parent Councillor Election Application

I wish to apply to serve as a Parent Councillor and confirm I am eligible to stand. I enclose a brief statement (no more than 100 words) about myself for circulation to voters should/and only if a ballot be required.

Full name

Forename/s

Surname

Email Address

Tel No

Name and DOB of children educated at the Academy

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Signed

Date

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