Guide for Parent Governors when Completing Your Parent Governor Application Form

Applying to be a Parent Governor is a great opportunity to support your child's school and contribute to its success. When completing your application, keep these tips in mind to showcase your suitability for the role.

1. Highlight Your Skills and Experience

📝 Think about the skills and experience you have that would benefit the Governing Board. This could include:

✅ Financial management or budgeting experience

✅ Leadership, HR, or business expertise

✅ Knowledge of safeguarding, SEND, or education policies

✅ Communication, problem-solving, or strategic thinking skills

💡 **Tip:** If you don't have direct experience in governance, focus on transferable skills from your work, volunteering, or community roles.

2. Show Your Willingness to Learn

📚 Governors aren't expected to know everything from day one, but you should be willing to **undertake training** to develop the skills needed.
✅ Mention any training you've already done (if applicable)

✅ Show enthusiasm for learning about governance, safeguarding, and school improvement

✅ Highlight your commitment to staying informed on **education policies and school priorities**

💡 **Tip:** The best Governors are those who are **open to training and willing to ask questions**.

3. Reflect on Any Previous Experience (If Applicable)

🔄 If you're reapplying, use this opportunity to demonstrate the impact you've made.
✅ How have you contributed to meetings, Committees, or school initiatives?

✅ Have you supported decision-making or helped improve specific areas?

✅ Have you built relationships with parents, staff, or the wider community?

💡 **Tip:** Be specific—mention particular projects, policies, or improvements you've been involved in.

4. Explain How You'll Contribute to the Future Work of the Board

🚀 Outline how you plan to support the Governing Board and school moving forward.
✅ What key areas interest you? (e.g., curriculum, school finance, safeguarding)

✅ How will you engage with parents and represent their views?

✅ Do you have ideas for strengthening governance or supporting school improvement?

💡 **Tip:** Show that you understand the **strategic nature** of governance, Governors help shape the school's direction, rather than dealing with day-to-day operations.

Final Check Before Submitting

✓ Keep it **clear and concise**—avoid lengthy paragraphs

✓ Make sure your **contact details are correct**

✓ Read through the form carefully—**does it reflect your enthusiasm and commitment?**

Being a Parent Governor is a rewarding role where you can make a real difference.

Use your application to **showcase your passion for supporting the school and its pupils!** 🎓👏