



The Parent Governor

Background

The Parent Governor has an essential role to play on the Corporation, bringing their own perspective of how the college is performing as well as any skills and experience which they have as individuals. All Colleges are legally required to have governors from a range of backgrounds and at Worthing College we embrace this. Worthing College has two Parent Governors.

What you get in return?

- Membership of a team of committed governors from varied backgrounds who work with the Principal and senior managers in contributing to and influencing key decisions affecting the College and student progress.
- Induction and ongoing training and development
- An involvement in the corporate decision-making process across a wide range of subjects including quality, resources and finance, marketing and audit.

Attendance

Parent Governors will attend, on average:

- one Corporation meeting per term
- one Committee meeting per term
- two training events (evenings)
- our Annual Governors' Conference (daytime)

Committee meetings and training events are mostly held on Mondays at either 4.30 or 5.30 pm and usually last about two to two and a half hours.

The term of office for Parent Governor is two years – though we are particularly pleased that many of our Parent Governors subsequently become External Governors after their period of office has ended as they have enjoyed the role and feel they can make a real contribution to the College and its Corporation.

Parent Governor status

The Parent Governor is a full member of the Corporation, with equal status and voting rights as other full governors. All Corporation members take part as individuals and are expected to



give consideration to each matter coming before them on the merits of the issues in hand. The statutory Instrument and Articles states that “Every member shall act in the best interests of the Corporation and shall not be bound to speak or vote by mandates given by any other body or person”.

The Parent Governor has a key role to play in conveying the views and perspectives as the parent of a college student to the governing body.

Exclusions

Certain circumstances disqualify some people from holding office, namely:

- being adjudged bankrupt, or making a composition or arrangement with creditors, until that bankruptcy order is annulled or debts paid in full
- being convicted of an offence and receiving a sentence of imprisonment of three months or more (suspended or not), in the last five years.

The Clerk to the Corporation holds a register of members’ interests. A member may be ineligible to take part in discussions on certain issues if they are found to have a financial, competitor or other interest which might prejudice their independence.

If you have any questions please contact Joanna Cox, Clerk to the Corporation, telephone no: 01903 275755 Ext. 429 or e-mail j.cox@worthing.ac.uk