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Featherstone High School

Founding Member of the Grand Union MAT



27th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for the role of a parent governor on our governing board. The governing board is asking you to **either** nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school **or**, to nominate yourself. If the school receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved.

Our school is part of a small Trust, the Grand Union Multi Academy Trust, which is governed by a Board of Directors known as Trustees. The Featherstone High School governing body is known as a Local Governing Body or LGB. Our vacancy is **just for the Featherstone LGB**. The Featherstone LGB is responsible to the Board for helping set the vision for the school and for promoting high standards. We aim to ensure that our school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. We do this by building a thorough knowledge of our school and its community and by both supporting and constructively challenging the school. The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, co-opted governors, support staff governors and teacher governors.

The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you will work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will also play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to the governing board, but you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- Specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance.

These may include:

- A knowledge of education
- Financial knowledge
- Premises knowledge
- HR understanding.



The **quality of education** at Featherstone has been judged by **Ofsted** to be **outstanding** - 2025

Expectations of governors

Our governing body expects governors to:

- attend **3** termly meetings a year of the full governing body
- sit on **a** sub-committee and attend those meetings which are usually **1** a term
- visit the school formally for monitoring purposes as and when required
- participate in online training via the National Governance Association website.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email my PA, Mrs Walker, on info@featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk with your contact details. This will then lead to a conversation with the Headteacher.

Who may be a Parent Governor?

Anyone who is a parent or carer of a pupil registered at the school.

Who decides if a person is a parent for the purposes of the election of parent governors?

Any queries in this area should be addressed to the Governors' Information Section of the Education Department.

May I nominate myself?

Yes, however, if a parent/carers is nominated by another parent/carers, the nominee must sign to indicate acceptance of the nomination. Both parents must sign to confirm they are parents of a registered pupil at the school. There is no longer a requirement for the nomination to be seconded.

Who may nominate a parent or second a parent for election?

Anyone who is a parent/carers of a registered pupil at the school.

How many votes does a parent have?

Each parent/carers shall have **ONE** vote **PER VACANCY**.

If I have more than one child at the school may I vote more than once?

No, you may vote only once for each vacancy.

Where can I get more nomination forms?

Please email info@featherstonehigh.ealing.sch.uk to request a nomination form.

TIMETABLE FOR ELECTIONS	
Return of Nomination Forms	By 2.00 pm on Thursday 11 th December 2025
Proxy Ballot will go out on	Thursday 18 th December 2025
Closing Date for Parent Governor Elections	10 days from when the Ballot Papers are sent out – Thursday 15 th January 2026 (2.00 pm)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PERSON NOMINATED MUST SIGN THE NOMINATION FORM BEFORE IT IS SENT BACK TO THE SCHOOL.

Those parents wishing to stand for election will be required to write a brief statement about themselves (no more than 250 words). This might include information such as the number and age of children at the school, your occupation, your particular interests etc.

DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA WHICH PREVAIL IN RESPECT OF HOLDING OFFICE AS A GOVERNOR OF THE SCHOOL.

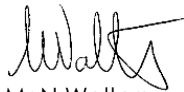
I should like to advise you that School Government Regulations state that in certain circumstances a person may not hold office as a governor of a school. These disqualifications relate principally to:

- Bankruptcy or arrangements with creditors in lieu
- Criminal conviction(s) resulting in a sentence of three months' imprisonment or more in the past five years; criminal convictions(s) resulting in a sentence of more than two and a half years' imprisonment in the past twenty years; or a sentence of imprisonment of more than five years at any time
- If s/he would, at the date the appointment or election takes effect, be a member of the Governing Bodies of more than two schools.

Any successful candidate will be required to complete a DBS (Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

Thank you, in advance, for giving this position your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Walters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr N Walters
Headteacher