



# THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

## Parent Governor Vacancies

We are writing to you today with an opportunity to become more deeply involved in the life of The Avon Valley School. We currently have vacancies for two parent governors, and we are eager to welcome parents who are passionate about contributing to our school's continued success.

The Avon Valley School always aims to work in partnership with parents, and this undoubtedly brings benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

Our governing body plays a crucial role in:

- **The School Vision:** Ensuring the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction that reflects the needs of our diverse community;
- **Accountability and Performance:** Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, ensuring every child reaches their full potential;
- **Financial Stewardship:** Overseeing the financial performance of the school, ensuring its money is well spent.

The role of a governor can be demanding but very rewarding. Parent governors serve a 4-year term of office and under usual circumstances, can expect to spend between 10 and 20 days a year on governance duties. These include:

- Attending meetings of the Governing Board, usually outside of school hours, and contributing to Governing Board business
- Reading reports and papers and keeping up to date on the progress that the school is making; and
- Visiting the school from time to time during the school day

As a parent governor, you will be a valued member of our team, providing a vital link between the school and the parent community. We want to ensure that the voices of parents are heard and that our decisions are informed by the perspectives of those who know our students best.

We are looking for individuals who are willing to dedicate their time to this important role and have:

- A strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children
- The inquisitiveness to question and analyse
- The willingness to learn
- Good interpersonal skills for effective collaboration

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While prior experience as a governor, management skills, or knowledge of school finance are desirable skills, we emphasise that a genuine desire to contribute and a passion for our students' success are paramount.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

We encourage parents from all backgrounds and experiences to consider this opportunity. We value diversity and believe that a governing body that reflects the richness of our school community is essential to our success.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than 12.00pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025. Copies of the nomination form will also be available from the school office.

Please be aware that all governor appointments are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.

Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will hold an election by secret ballot on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

If a ballot is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

We believe that by working together, we can create a school environment where every child feels valued, supported and empowered to succeed. We hope you will consider joining us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blake Francis', written in a cursive style.

Blake Francis  
Headteacher