

9 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Councillor Election – City Academy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Academy Councillor on our Academy Council and you are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election. Much like a Governing Body, the Academy Council's role is to ensure your children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability. I have attached further information regarding the role of an Academy Councillor.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except:

- *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 follow the link below to complete the online nomination form. **Please note the closing date for nominations is 12 Noon on Thursday 31st March 2022.**

You will need to include a brief factual statement about yourself (not exceeding 100 words). You might like to include a little about your background and why you want to be a Councillor. Should an election be necessary I will circulate your statement and those of other candidates to voters.

(Ctrl + Click to follow link) [City Academy Council Parent Election Nomination Form](#)

Please do take a look at the Academy Council section of the website for information about our Academy Council <https://cityacademybristol.clf.uk/key-information/academy-council-2/>

If you have any questions about the role or you have any difficulty completing the online nomination form, please email me at linda.corbidge@clf.uk .

Yours sincerely

Linda Corbidge
Clerk to Academy Council

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What does being an Academy Councillor involve?

You don't need to be an experienced professional to be a brilliant Academy Councillor – it's about attitude and your personal skills as much as it is professional experience.

Our Academy Councils normally meet five to six times a year, although there may be occasions when an extraordinary meeting is convened to discuss urgent business. Councillors are encouraged to link up with a specific part of academy life. This might be taking a special interest in a subject area, such as English, or having a focus on a group of students, such as those with special educational needs.

It is important that Councillors attend Council meetings regularly; this is where key decisions are made and where the Council have a good opportunity to challenge the academy teams. Councillors will receive the meeting agenda and associated papers in advance of the meeting and are expected to spend some time preparing for the meeting. Councillors are also required to complete core training on an annual basis via the online Nimble training platform.

Councillors are regularly invited into academies; these visits are valuable opportunities to learn more about the academy and provide another perspective to the information received at Council meetings.

Parent Councillors are not elected to represent parents. Rather, they are representative of the parent body; they are able to bring a parent's perspective to discussions and decisions being made by the Academy Council.

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