



Marches Academy Trust

Parent Governor Ballot Process

In the event that the number of nominations for Parent Governor exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot will take place. This will take the form of an electronic ballot, using Microsoft Forms.

However, where parents/carers do not have access/prefer not to use electronic communication, a paper copy of the ballot paper will be made available.

Candidates

Personal statements will be published as they are received, and spelling mistakes or grammatical errors will not be corrected. Please note that nomination statements must not exceed 150 words and any statement over this amount will not be permitted. The Clerk to the Local Governing Body will ask any candidates to reduce the length of personal statements before publishing these.

Should you wish to provide a passport sized photograph to accompany your nomination statement, please provide this to the Clerk to the Local Governing Body.

During the ballot period, candidates should adhere to the following:

- No canvassing/campaigning.
- No handling of blank or completed ballot papers; parents/carers should be directed to put these in the box provided in Reception.

Candidates will be listed in alphabetical order on the ballot paper. Parents/carers should select their preferred **candidate/s (use candidates when there are two vacancies)**.

Parents running as a candidate in the parent election **cannot** vote for themselves.

Should you have concerns regarding the ballot process, please contact the Marches Academy Trust Board of Trustees, via Bee Lopez Bloor, Trust Governance Officer & Clerk to the Board of Trustees belen.lopezbloor@mmat.co.uk