

10 September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Ipswich Academy currently has an Academy Council and I am looking to extend the number of people actively involved.

I am therefore writing to ask whether you would like to send in a nomination - for yourself or another parent/carer. The nomination form is attached to this letter. All you need to do is, fill in the form, including a short statement about yourself and a passport sized photograph (optional) and return it to a member of our reception team **by 9am on Monday 20 September 2021**. Information about parents/carers who may not be eligible to be nominated is attached.

Details of those who have been nominated will be sent to all parent/carers on Friday 24 September 2021. An election will be held if there are more nominations than the current vacancy number and every parent/carer will be able to vote. We will be sending you information about this later.

Academy Council members would be expected to serve for a period of two years. The Academy Council is responsible for facilitating communication between the parents/carers of pupils at the Academy and the Principal. Academy council meetings will be held once every term. All parents/ carers are invited to these meetings.

Through the academy council and councillors, parents/carers may:

- Ask questions of the Principal about the operation of the Academy and its performance
- Raise issues of concern with the Principal about the operation of the Academy
- Attend the annual Trust conference and/or the Academy's INSET days
- Provide papers to either the Education Committee or Operations & Finance Committee of the Board.



We do hope that you will think about becoming a member of the Academy Council. If you would like more information about what is involved, please feel free to make an appointment with myself at school.

Yours faithfully,

Abbie Thorrington
Principal



PARADIGM TRUST

No person shall be eligible to be a member of the academy council:

- If s/he is aged 18 or under at the date of his/her election or appointment;
- if s/he is a pupil of the Academy;
- if s/he is incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his/her own affairs;
- if s/he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provisions in the Companies Act 1985 or the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011;
- If his/her estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or if s/he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
- If at any time s/he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- If s/he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which s/he was responsible or to which s/he was privy, or which s/he by her/his conduct contributed to or facilitated;
- If at any time s/he is included in the list of teachers and workers with children or young persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006; or if s/he is disqualified from working with children under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- If s/he is a person in respect of whom a direction has been made under section 142 of the Education Act 2002; and
- where s/he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011;

Please note:

At the time of election, a parent/carer must have at least one child attending the academy.



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