



## **St Mark's C.E. Primary School**

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 25 September 2026

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent Governor on our Governing board.

#### **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'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll 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
- The specific skills required to make sure the Governing board delivers effective governance
- No inappropriate interactions on social media
- No criminal conviction

#### **Expectations of Governors**

Once elected an induction will be provided. Governors are expected to attend meetings each term. It is important to maintain confidentiality at all times. Training is important for Governors, and we have access to many training modules. As part of the role, Governors regularly visit the school, and this is encouraged. The term of office will be for 4 years.

#### **How to apply**

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form by using this link.

[Parent Governor Nomination Form Autumn 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Please note that the form will close on 12 October 2026.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this. If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact the Clerk to Governors on [Clerk@st-marks.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:Clerk@st-marks.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

The Clerk to Governors