

# Being a parent governor

## **Why do you need someone like me?**

We need people on the board of governors who can understand what the students need to help them to get the most out of their education. That means parents, teachers, people in the kind of jobs our students might go on to do, people who live and work in the communities our students live in. You know your child better than anyone so by giving your perspective, you are reminding those managing the school that there are different ways of seeing a situation.

## **What would I do?**

As a parent governor you would be able to explain how a parent feels about issues when things are being discussed in meetings. You would not have to gather the views of other parents, just being a parent gives you a perspective that we want to hear. The main job of the governors is to make sure students get what they need to succeed in life, in work and at the next stage of education. Obviously a large part of that is making sure they get the qualifications they need but there is much more to students' success than that. The governors look at the whole student experience so we need to get as many views as possible and provide the best experience we can with the money we have.

## **What kind of group would I be joining if I become a governor at Bosworth Academy?**

The full governing body is a group of about 14 people from all different backgrounds – parents, people from the local community, teachers from the school. They split into 2 committees – The Learning and Teaching Committee is mostly concerned with what happens to our students in the classroom and how to make that the best experience we can. The People and Stakeholders Committee is mostly concerned with the people who have an interest in the Academy including teachers, parents, students and the local community. Selected members of committees and certain others, such as the Business Manager and Head of School, also meet to discuss matters of finance and help to steer the Academy in making decisions about the direction the Academy is going.

## **How much time would I need to give up?**

You would need to attend a committee meeting each term and a meeting of the full Governing Body each term. A committee meeting typically lasts about an hour and a half; a full governors meeting lasts about two and a half hours. Sometimes there may be things you choose to do between meetings, such as a short school visit or finding out information that could be useful to the committee.