

Alston Moor Federation
Alston Primary School
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Samuel King's School

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16th September 2019

Dear Parent,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – ALSTON MOOR FEDERATION

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy on the school governing board for a parent governor. Details of the process to fill the vacancy follow.

THE NOMINATION OF PARENTS AS CANDIDATES

Each parent* of a pupil attending the school is to be given the opportunity of putting their name forward with a view to becoming a parent governor. If you wish to submit a nomination on your behalf you should do so, using a Letter of Nomination, to the Clerk to the Governors, Kerry Cooper; Nomination Packs are available from both the Alston & Nenthead school sites or by contacting Kerry Cooper.

The Letters of Nomination must be countersigned by two sponsors, who must also be parents of children currently attending the school. The closing date for the receipt of nominations by the school is **30th September 2019 at 12 noon**. Please note that incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

In the event of there being no more than one nomination, the person nominated will automatically be elected, unopposed as a parent governor.

THE ELECTION PROCEDURE

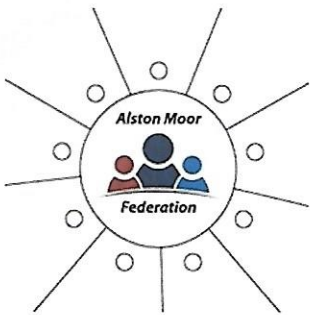
If the school receives more nominations than vacancies, an election by secret ballot will be held as soon as possible. Each parent* of a child who at the time of the election is a pupil at the school will be entitled to vote.

In the event of an election, the Chair of Governors will issue all parents with further details concerning the way in which the ballot (which will be entirely secret and as fool-proof as possible) is to be organised and supply the official ballot papers.

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CANDIDATES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELECTION

Candidates will be given the opportunity to write a short statement, which will be circulated to all parents of the school. Should candidates wish to seek support in any other way, this will be entirely their own responsibility.

Following an election, parents will be told the name of the successful candidate.

TERM OF OFFICE OF PARENT GOVERNORS

An elected parent governor will hold office for a period of four years.

PARENTS' PARTICIPATION

It is very important for the efficiency and effectiveness of schools that parents should be encouraged to have an active involvement in their children's education. Consequently, parents are encouraged to participate and take an interest in the election process whether as candidates or voters.

If you have any queries at this stage regarding the subject of parent governors, please contact Kerry Cooper, Clerk to the Governors by email clerk@alston.cumbria.sch.uk or by leaving a message with your contact details at one of the schools.

Yours Sincerely

Kerry Cooper
Clerk to the Governors

***DEFINITION OF "PARENT"**

See Section 576 of the Education Act 1996

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