



Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS – Handbridge Site

Governors play an important role in the life of the school. Formally, they are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school and initiating all measures necessary to promote high standards, aiming to ensure that students are attending a successful school which provides them with a good education and supports their wellbeing, helping them to achieve outstanding performance, including excellent personal achievement and attainment. In practice we work in close partnership to support the Headteacher and staff on these issues and much more besides.

Being a governor is an immensely fulfilling role where it is possible to make a real difference.

The Local Governing Board is constitutionally structured with membership set out in The Learning Trust's Scheme of Delegation [TLT Scheme of Delegation](#) and includes Members, Trustees, Staff, Parents and Co-Opted governors as well as the Headteacher.

We have a vacancy for two Parent Governors. Ideally one from each School. Nominations are sought from all parents with parental responsibility at both CIS and QPHS and the role is a parent governor role over both schools known as The Handbridge Site.

If you are interested in the role, you will need to complete and submit the nomination form along with a personal supporting statement (no more than 300 words) outlining why you would like to be considered and what you can bring to the Local Governing Board. If you are interested, but want to find out a bit more about the role before applying, please contact Jade Palmer, Chair of Governors j.palmer@gphs.co.uk. or Tom Kearns, Headteacher Handbridge Site t.kearns@gphs.co.uk.

The successful candidate will be asked to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and to participate in statutory Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training and other statutory training as required

The deadline for nominations is 12:00 Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

Should there be more candidates than vacancies, we will hold an election and each candidate's supporting statement will be published as part of that process.

ELECTION TIMETABLE

Nominations close	1200	Tuesday 3 rd February 2026
If no ballots required, results published on web	1100	Tuesday 10 th February 2026
If ballots required, ballot papers will be issued		Tuesday 10 th February 2026
Ballots will close	1200	Tuesday 24 th February 2026
Count	1300	Tuesday 24 th February 2026
Result published on website	PM	Friday 27 th February 2026
Elected Governors induction commences		W/C Monday 2 nd March 2026
Elected Governors attend first LGB meeting		Wednesday 11 th March 2026

Yours sincerely

Jade Palmer

Chair of Governors