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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of 2 vacancies 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're 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 interpersonal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance

The governing board is keen for candidates to have skills in the following:

Strategic planning, Public Sector or charity governance, knowledge of the education sector, performance management, data analysis, health and safety, safeguarding, special educational needs, marketing and public relations, knowledge of the local community.

Expectations of governors

- Attendance at meetings, minimum of 3 per year, occasionally during the school day
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Committing to training



- Visiting the school a minimum of once per year during the school day
- The term of office is 3 years

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please register your interest by emailing Kathryn.ollier@thistleyhoughacademy.org.uk by noon on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

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 me on 01782 883500 or the above email address.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Ollier', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Kathryn Ollier
Clerk to the Academy Council