

Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We need YOU on our Local Advisory Board at Thames View Infants

I'm writing to let you know that the Local Advisory Board (previously known as the Governing Body) at Thames View Infants has a vacancy for a position to be filled by a Parent Representative (a role previously known as "Parent Governor"). It's important for all Schools to have Parent Representation on the LAB. Parents/Carers are in school nearly every day. They see and hear what's going on and all have a vested interest in helping our school to thrive and go from strength to strength. Working in partnership with the Headteacher as a Parent Governor, Parents can help make a real difference to the success of the school - for our children and the greater community.

Why is Thames View Infants so Special?

When Ofsted visit, they remark how Thames View Infants is a really exceptional place: we are "not like most schools". There is a certain special vibrancy - a "sparkle" - which largely comes from the positive connections that Staff have with Parents and Children. Experts recognise how rare this is and how unique our Academy really is. It's by no coincidence then, that we have remained an "Outstanding" School for over 8 years, are now recognised as a National Support School and have long been identified as one of the highest achieving Infant Schools nationally - let alone ahead of any other Infant provision within Barking and Dagenham.

The backbone of all this success is our **Local Advisory Body - made up mostly of local people who care and volunteer time and energy to our Academy, to help do the best for our children.**

Parent LAB-members are elected by their fellow Parents. They are so valuable because they keep other governors in touch with the issues which concern the pupils' parents. They also work in partnership with Paul and his staff to make sure we meet all our statutory obligations, help forge the direction of our Academy and make sure we continue to do our best for our Community.

Have you got what it takes?

Being a Parent LAB-member is a really rewarding job. Parent LAB-members need to know the school well - inside and out, so **free time is important**. We empower these people not to "take our word for it" and encourage them to come into school to see what we're working on first-hand. Parent LAB-members meet formally each half term, on a set day, and currently these meetings take



We're a PAPERLESS School - so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

place during the daytime 1:30pm-3pm. School can help cover child care costs and a childcare option is also available if needed. These meetings are extremely important as they help fine-tune the Learning in school and ensure we that meet all of our financial obligations. **Having sufficient time to attend these 6 afternoon meetings is really important.**

We support our Parent LAB-members tremendously. We all value the voluntary contribution of our Advisors, and in return offer high-quality training, advice and support as well. **If you have, like me, the drive and passion for our school and the free time, we'll help you do the rest.**

If that sounds like you, then please complete and submit the Parent LAB-members form which is now available on ParentMail.

All Parents, including Carers, of registered pupils at the Academy can apply, with the following exceptions:

- anyone who is an elected Councillor,
- anyone who is employed by a Local Authority (or their relative), or
- anyone who is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year.

An election will be arranged if the number of applications is more than the number of vacancies.

I do so hope to hear from you! Together, let's make our Academy even better!

Yours sincerely

Rev Christine Chambers
Chair of the Board of Directors, TVI Learning/Thames View Infants