

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Vacancy on the Local Advisory Board (LAB) at Thames View Infants

- Do you care about how children learn at our Academy?
- Can you spare 6 evenings (once a half term), from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, to attend a meeting?
- Can you spare 2 hours on 3 mornings every term, to come into school and see the Learning in our Academy?

I'm excited to inform you that the Local Advisory Board (previously known as the Governing Body) at Thames View Infants has a vacancy for a Parent Advisor. 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 Advisor, LAB members can help make a real difference to the quality of Learning at the school - benefitting our children and the greater community.

## Why is Thames View Infants so Special?

When Ofsted visited us, they remarked 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 my Staff have with our Parents and specifically, our 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 10 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 parents who care about Learning and volunteer time to our Academy, to help do the best for our children.



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.

Parent LAB members are elected by their fellow parents. They are so valuable because they keep other governors in touch with important issues such as learning, the curriculum, school performance (attainment) and Attendance. 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 Advisor is a really rewarding job. Parent Advisors need to know the school well – inside and out, so **free time is important**. We empower LAB Members not to “take our word for it” and encourage them to come into school to see what we’re working on at first-hand. They meet formally each half term, on a set day, usually between 3:30 and 5:30pm. They also meet generally once every term, during the school day to undertake Learning Walks and to see our Outstanding provision for themselves – first hand. **Having sufficient time to attend these 6 afternoon meetings is also important.**

We support our LAB Members tremendously. We all value their voluntary contribution 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 all that sounds like you, then please complete and submit the attached LAB Parent Advisor form. Please note that the closing date for applications is 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

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



Paul Jordan  
*Headteacher*

# LAB Member NOMINATION FORM

## Thames View Infants

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent of \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**You must be nominated by another parent of a child at the school. This can be your spouse or partner.**

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed forms should be returned to:**

**The School Office by: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**If an election is necessary and you would like to provide some information about yourself to support your application please use the space overleaf.**

