Parent Governor Role [November 2026]

St Thomas More Catholic School

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and warmly welcome applications from parents who are keen to make a positive contribution to the continued success of St Thomas More Catholic School.

As a Parent Governor, you will serve as a member of the school's Local Governing Committee, working alongside governors, school leaders and the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust to support the strategic direction of the school. This voluntary role provides an important opportunity to represent the parent voice while helping to ensure that St Thomas More continues to provide the very best Catholic education for all pupils.

What does a good Parent Governor need?

We are looking for individuals who:

- Have a strong commitment to the values, mission and success of St Thomas More Catholic School.
- Are passionate about improving educational outcomes, opportunities and life chances for all pupils.
- Possess good interpersonal and communication skills and are willing to learn, develop new skills and engage in relevant training.
- Can provide both support and constructive challenge to school leaders, helping to drive continuous improvement.
- Are able to think strategically and make decisions in the best interests of the whole school community.
- Can attend meetings regularly, contribute positively to discussions and maintain appropriate confidentiality.
- Value teamwork and respect differing viewpoints while working collaboratively towards shared goals.
- Understand that the role is not to raise or resolve issues relating to their own child, but to contribute to the success of the school as a whole.
- Are willing to undertake school visits and engage with the wider life of the school.

What does the role involve?

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Parent Governors are expected to:

- Attend full Local Governing Committee meetings [typically one each term].
- Participate in training and development opportunities.
- Serve on working groups or committees where required.
- Visit the school periodically to gain a deeper understanding of school life, priorities and progress.
- Support the school's Catholic ethos and commitment to providing an exceptional education for every pupil.

Being a Governor is a strategic; they are not involved in the day-to-day management of the school. Instead, they work with leaders to provide oversight, challenge and support, ensuring the school remains focused on its vision and priorities.

How to apply

If you would like to stand for election as a Parent Governor, please email the school **by Friday 4th December** to register your interest [info@stm.bwcet.com].

Any parent or carer with a child currently on roll at St Thomas More Catholic School is eligible to stand for election. If your child leaves the school during your term of office, you may continue to serve for the remainder of that term.

If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, an election will be held and further details will be provided at that time.

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