

Parent Governor Representatives: further information

The Council of the Isles of Scilly has a statutory duty to appoint a minimum of 2 Parent Governor Representatives as co-optees to the Children's Committee. This is in relation to the Parent Governor Representatives Regulations 2001 (SI 478).

The Authority has successfully appointed Parent Governor Representatives in the past for a 3 year term. Current Parent Governors are eligible to stand again for nomination providing they are not now disqualified.

The Government makes special provision for the Council of the Isles of Scilly that means the Authority can open the election to all parents of registered pupils in schools maintained or not by the Authority, or educated otherwise than at school. This means that any parent who has a child at the Five Islands School (or at a school in another Authority, but who is resident on the Isles of Scilly) is eligible to stand for and vote in the election.

Despite the title of 'Parent Governor Representative' the elected person will **not** be a governor of the Five Islands School. This is part of the difference referred to in the above paragraph, as normally only parent governors would be eligible for election.

Disqualification from Office

The Parent Governor Representatives will be disqualified from holding office once their oldest child has reached 18 years of age. Teachers, Elected Members or anyone employed by the Local Authority are also disqualified from holding office (even if, as parents, they have children in the school).

Committee voting rights

Parent Governor Representatives are full co-opted members of the Children's Committee with normal voting rights. They will need to comply with all normal Council processes, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Terms of Reference, Register and Declaration of Interest, Code of Conduct and so forth.

Their voting rights are restricted to the functions of the Committee, so Parent Governor Representatives could not hold a position as Chairman of Committee as this would give voting rights on the Finance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee and require attendance at Full Council which can only be done by Elected Members; however, provided an Elected Member was nominated as Deputy Vice Chairman, a Parent Governor Representative could become Vice Chairman of the Children's Committee.

Elections for Parent Governor Representative

In the event that a ballot is required, the LEA will hold a postal ballot for all eligible parents following the collection of names notified to it by the Five Islands School and by advertising. This will take place as follows:

1. Opportunity to nominate: starts Monday 11 April 2016; ends noon Wednesday 20 April 2016
2. Statement of nominations: published Friday 22 April 2016
3. Voting by post: starts Thursday 5 May 2016; ends 3pm Tuesday 17 May 2016
4. Notification of result: 3pm Wednesday 18 May 2016

Other Details

- Two Parent Governor Representatives will be elected for a 3 year term which ends in May 2019.
- There is no financial allowance, but reasonable expenses will be met if you are travelling from an off-island.
- Each parent has only 1 vote regardless of the number of children they have.