

Could You Be a Parent Governor at Uppingham Community College?

We're looking for a parent or carer to join our school advisory board as a Parent Governor. This is a great opportunity to get involved in school life, have your voice heard, and help shape the future of Uppingham Community College. You don't need any special qualifications or previous experience – just an interest in the school and a willingness to get involved.

Who can apply?

Any parent or carer of a student currently at Uppingham Community College can apply.

We'd love to hear from parents and carers from all backgrounds. Different experiences and perspectives help make a stronger governing board.

How much time does it take?

- Around 6–8 hours a month, during term time only.
- Attend the SAB board meetings once each term.
- Become a link governor and visit the school once each term.
- Meetings are once a term on a Thursday morning between 8am-10am.

What skills do I need?

You don't need to be an expert in education or have been on a board before. What matters most is that you are:

- Willing to learn and ask questions
- Interested in supporting the school and its students
- Happy to work as part of a team

Skills that are useful (but not essential) include things like:

- Planning and decision-making
- Finance or business experience
- HR or people management
- Project management
- Communication or teamwork

You won't be expected to know everything – that's what training and support are for.

What does a Parent Governor do?

The school advisory board helps set the overall direction of the school and makes sure it's doing the best it can for all students. As a Parent Governor, you'll work with other governors and senior staff to:

- Help set the vision and values of the school
 - Ask questions and hold leaders to account
 - Oversee things like budgets, staffing and policies
- Parent governors don't deal with individual complaints or speak on behalf of other parents. Instead, they bring a parent's perspective to bigger, strategic decisions.

What support will I get?

All new governors receive:

- A proper induction to help you get started
- Access to training and development throughout your time as a governor
- Ongoing support from experienced governors and the school

Many people start with no experience at all and grow into the role.

Why get involved?

Being a Parent Governor is a chance to:

- Make a real difference to the school community
- Help shape the long-term future of the school

Gain useful skills such as:

- Strategic thinking
- Understanding finance and decision-making
- Confidence in meetings and teamwork

It's also a great way to give something back to the school.

A few common worries – answered

"I don't have the time." - Most governors spend about 6–8 hours a month, and only during term time.

"Other parents will expect me to fix things for them." - Parent governors aren't representatives. You're there to contribute to strategic discussions, not to deal with individual issues.

"I don't have enough experience." - That's absolutely fine. Training and support are provided, and fresh perspectives are always welcome.

"Someone else will be better suited." - There's no 'perfect' candidate. What matters is your interest, commitment and willingness to get involved.

If you are interested in applying for the role of parent Governor then please complete the form here:

[Expression of interest in becoming a Parent Governor at UCC – Fill in form](#)

Please complete the expression of interest form by **5pm on Friday 20th February**.

If you'd like to find out more before applying, we're happy to answer questions. Please e-mail: koelling_l@ucc.rutland.sch.uk