



The governing body of Homewood College has a vacancy for a governor from one of the following categories:

- a parent of a former registered pupil at the school
- a parent of a child under 18 with special educational needs (SEMH)
- a parent of a child who has special educational needs and is over 18

Homewood College is a special school for 45 secondary aged students each with an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. We are an active and involved governing body of 13 members, comprising two parent governors, a staff governor, the College's headteacher, a local authority governor and eight co-opted governors. We have unsuccessfully sought to appoint a second parent governor from parents of current students. We are now looking more widely for a parent to fill this crucial role.

The governors are committed to ensuring a high quality of provision and outcomes for the students at the College. We seek to make a positive contribution to the safety, welfare and development of our students. We work in close partnership with the headteacher, staff and the specialist services available from the local authority.

The College is part of the Central Hub comprising the College, Brighton and Hove Pupil Referral Unit and The Connected Hub. The three organisations are led and managed by an Executive Headteacher who attends all governing body meetings.

The governing body meets four times a year but much of its work is carried out by its Resources Committee and by two working groups, one for Performance and a second for Safeguarding. The working groups review the work of all three organisations and report back to the governing body to make collective decisions. A governor would be expected to sit on at least one of these groups and they currently meet at least once a term.

We ask all members of the governing body to hold an enhanced certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service and to undertake training relevant to their role. The local authority provides excellent (free) training for governors.

If you would be interested in joining us at this very interesting time for the College, please contact me, the Chair of Governors, Bob Wall at BWall@homewood.brighton-hove.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.