

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent Governor Opportunity**

The Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School Local Governing Committee (LGC) has one vacancy for a parent governor. All parents and carers of current Wordsworth Primary and Nursery School pupils are eligible to stand, subject to the Disqualification Criteria enclosed with this letter.

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Local Governing Committees support the school and Board of Trustees in line with the Hamwic Education Trust Scheme of Delegation, considering areas such as wellbeing, stakeholder engagement, attendance and whether the curriculum is meeting the needs of the pupils. More information about this is available on the Hamwic Education Trust website.

Parent governors share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the LGC's responsibilities. You do not have to be an expert in education to be a school governor.

There are six meetings each school year, usually at the school and currently in the evening from 6pm. Each meeting lasts around two hours. Governors serve a four-year term, which continues even if your child or children leave the school during this period.

Governors also take on a "lead governor" responsibility for an area of governance. This may be Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Inclusion, Behaviour, Wellbeing, or a curriculum area. Lead governors will build relationships with key members of the school staff and regularly come in to school to speak to pupils, staff and parents to form a full picture of their particular area of focus.

On occasion governors may be asked to participate in a panel hearing related to staff or pupil disciplinary issues, HR issues, or complaints. Training is provided and governors are supported by experts from Hamwic Education Trust.

All governors are required to adhere to the Hamwic Education Trust's Code of Conduct for governors which is included with this letter or available on the Hamwic Education Trust website.

More information about the role of a school governor is available at [National Governance Association](#) or [Governors for Schools - Effective Governors, Excellent Schools](#).

If you are interested in finding out more or applying for this opportunity, please contact the clerk to the LGC in the first instance at [penny.collins@wordsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:penny.collins@wordsworthprimary.co.uk). The closing date for nominations is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. M. Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Elizabeth Wagner  
Chair of Governors