

To Parents at Cranbury College

18 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know there are vacancies for 2 parent members on the School Advisory Board (SAB) for Cranbury College and so we are therefore seeking volunteers from our parent community to join the SAB.

Cranbury College aims to establish a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to all our pupils. One of the ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent member of the SAB.

The School Advisory Board's key responsibilities are to:

- Be ambassadors of the school, supporting and championing its achievements
- Ensure the school is a safe and happy place to learn and work
- Engage with and elevate the voice of stakeholders, pupil's families and the wider community
- Provide assurance on whether the trust's understanding of the school matches the 'lived experience'

We welcome nominations from any parents/carers with an interest in this - you do not need to be an expert in the field of education. What you do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. You will also need 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team and to be able to question and challenge.

The normal term of office is 4 years, and on-going training will be provided. You will also be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The School Advisory Board meets 4 times a year with an additional 3 networking/training sessions, and you would be expected to attend all meetings.

Parent members are elected by the parents of registered pupils at the school. They should be parents/carers of pupils as at the closing date of nominations. If too few parents stand for election to fill the vacancies available, the SAB may appoint a parent of any child of or under compulsory school age.

The arrangements for the election are attached, together with a nomination form which must be received by 3pm on Thursday 26 June 2025. Should you require any further information about the role, please contact myself at [b.poole@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:b.poole@maidenerleghtrust.org). If you are interested in the role and would like to speak informally with the Chair of the SAB to discuss the role in more detail, we would be happy to arrange this for you.

Yours Sincerely



Beth Poole  
Clerk to the School Advisory Board, Cranbury College



## **Instructions for nomination as a parent member of the School Advisory Board**

If you wish to be nominated as a Parent member of the School Advisory Board, please complete the attached nomination form and return it by email to Beth Poole at [b.poole@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:b.poole@maidenerleghtrust.org) by the date below. If you are unable to apply electronically, a paper copy of the form can be handed to reception or posted clearly marked *FAO Beth Poole, Cranbury College, Cranbury Road, Reading, RG30 2TS* using the proof of delivery service from Royal Mail.

All parents/guardians of pupils at Cranbury College are eligible for election. Nominations must be returned by **3pm on Thursday 26 June 2025**.

People may not be members of the SAB if they:

- Are a pupil at the school or under 18
- Are detained under the mental health act
- Were disqualified as a foundation, local authority, community, partnership or sponsor governor at the same school in the last 12 months for non-attendance
- Are currently subject to bankruptcy arrangements or disqualification orders or undertakings relating to insolvency or running a company
- Have been removed either from office as a trustee, or from being concerned in the management of any charitable body
- Are included on any list of people whose employment with children is prohibited or restricted
- Have received a prison sentence of more than three months within the last five years, of more than two and a half years within the last twenty years, or of five years or more at any time
- Have been convicted of causing a nuisance or disturbance on educational premises and sentenced to a fine in the last five years
- Refuse a request to make an application for a DBS check.

It is a criminal offence for someone to serve if they are disqualified.

In addition to the above someone cannot be elected or appointed as a parent member of the SAB if they are an elected member of the local authority or paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve-month period.

### **Details of the election process**

If no more than two nominations are received, then those candidates will be duly elected.

If more than two nominations are received, then a contested election would follow:

1. A notice to the effect that a contested election will be held, together with the names of the nominees, will be published.
2. Information about nominees will be supplied to each parent along with a ballot paper.
3. Every parent has a right to vote. Papers will be distributed electronically.
4. The election would run from 9am on Monday 30 June until 3pm on Friday 4 July.

