

Outstanding Governance Awards 2019 supporting statement

Outstanding governance in a single school

Outstanding governance in a group of schools

Outstanding vision and strategy

Completing this form

- Please complete this form in full by providing the following information:
 - A supporting statement
 - Information about you
- Return this completed form to awards@nga.org.uk by 23.59 on 3 December 2018.
- Alternatively, return this completed form to the person who will be submitting the nomination form.

Supporting statement

This section must be completed by all applicants, including those that have self-nominated. This can come from:

- The headteacher, senior executive leader or other member of the leadership team
- The clerk to the governing board
- An external third party, such as a governor support service
- An expert adviser, including a National Leader of Governance or the external adviser on headteacher performance management
- One of the governors/trustees (where the nominator is not also a governor or trustee at the school)

Remind the supporter that this is a nomination for the work of the governing board. The supporting statement therefore needs to highlight the actions and achievements of the governing board rather than the school in general, so it is critical that the supporter understands the strategic role of the governing board.

Please provide the supporting statement (500 word limit)

The Governing Board at Eltham CE are exceptionally knowledgeable and fulfil their role to a high standard. As a collective they are clear about their role as strategic leaders, their responsibility for setting key priorities and for modelling its culture, values and ethos. They are relentless in their pursuit of further improving the entitlement for the children in their care and ensuring that safeguarding is "everyone's business" in the school.

They are very clear about the skills required in order to best serve the pupils and community in their care. They also abide by and model the 'principles of public life', as set out by Lord Nolan (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership). They, as a Governing Board, make sure that the children are first and foremost in their decision making. As such they are willing and able to make difficult decisions, as required, if it is for the benefit of the children. They are steadfast in their commitment to doing right by the pupils (present and future) in their care.

It is also important to note the critical role the Governing Board played in securing the rebuild of

their school and demanding the very best accommodation for their pupils. It was a complex building project and, because of the varied skills of the Governing Board, they managed the project exceptionally well.

The Governing Board are also to be commended for their commitment to supporting the Local Authority and the wider community. When I approached them, in my role as Head of School Improvement, to enter in partnership with a local school in need of additional leadership capacity they were thoughtful in their approach – they undertook their due diligence, they were clear about the capacity they had to offer and agreed to support the school. It has been a very successful partnership of leaders at all levels – driven by the governors and their uncompromising ambition for the children in their care and the children within the borough. They are motivated by a strong moral responsibility.

In addition to their work for Eltham CE the governors also contribute to the wider community through their participation and contribution to DCS Briefings for Chairs of Governing Boards, Schools Forum, etc.

The Governing Board at Eltham CE are models of best practice and I support their application without reservation.

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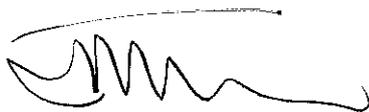
Your name	Julie Taylor
Name of the school who's nomination you are supporting	Royal Borough of Greenwich Children's Services
Capacity in which you are aware of the work of the governing board	I am the Head of School Improvement and work closely with the governing board offering both support and challenge
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This data will be held securely by the National Governance Association to correspond with you regarding the Outstanding Governance Awards. Your data, in respect of these awards, will be deleted by the National Governance Association on or before 30 June 2019.

By signing this form, you are confirming that you are consenting to the National Governance Association holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes (please clearly highlight where you grant consent):

- I consent to NGA contacting me by phone regarding the Outstanding Governance Awards. YES
- I consent to NGA contacting me by email regarding the Outstanding Governance Awards. YES

Signature



Date 29/11/18