



10 October 2023

Re: Parent self-nominations for the Parent Council

Dear Respected Parent/Carer,
Assalaamu alaikum - Peace be with you.

At the beginning of each academic year, we invite parents and carers to consider whether they would be willing to serve as members of the Parent Council, which operates during term time, from January-December each year. The Council meets every half term with the **Principal** providing valuable support and advice that informs the life and work of the school and plays a significant role in its success. Members of the Council have the opportunity to provide important feedback on school initiatives and projects, as well as assisting with the planning and organisation of enrichment activities and community events. The Council also acts as a consultation forum, to enable senior leaders to seek views on new ideas and encourage adult volunteers to support school projects.

At Eden Girls' School, we believe it is important to encourage the engagement of a wide group of Parents and Carers in the work of the Council, and of the school. **Our aim is therefore to elect three Parent Council members to represent each year group**, and our hope is that those members will then continue to serve the school for the duration of their child's time with us (i.e. a Year 7 parent would have the opportunity to serve on the Parent Council until the end of Year 11, should they wish to do so).

Please note, in order to be considered to represent a year group, your child must be in that year group as of September this year.

If the number of parents who apply to represent a year group exceeds the number of vacancies available for that particular year group, then a ballot will be held to enable other parents in that year group to vote for their preferred candidate(s).

Council members will be expected to attend one evening meeting, chaired by the Principal during each half term (5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in January, March, May, June, September, and November).

I would urge all parents and carers to consider serving the school and contributing to its development in this fruitful and highly valued way. If you are willing to be a representative for a year group, please complete and return the attached form, which asks you to provide a short statement in support of your application to seek the support of other parents and carers. This brief description of your suitability for the role will be shared if a ballot is required.

Applications should be returned to school by no later than **Friday 20 October 2023**.





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Please note, all appointments to the Council will be subject to the successful applicants receiving enhanced clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service. This service helps schools to prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children. The school will pay for this check.

Yours sincerely,

Sajid Khaliq

*Detach and return to the Principal's PA, Mrs Karim, at reception or by using the E-Mail:
info@egslough.staracademies.org by **Friday 20 October 2023***

I am willing to serve as a member of the Parent Council because:

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(up to 50 words)

I wish to represent the following Year Group: _____

Print Name: _____ Signed: _____

Parent of: _____ Year Group: _____

