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Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parent or Carers,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our School's governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting at least once every half term. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has three key functions:

- ✓ Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- ✓ Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- ✓ Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Governors set the aims and objectives for the school or group of schools and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher.

Governors;

- ◆ Meet as a whole group up to four times a year
- ◆ Are members of at least one committee e.g. Finance, Health and Safety and linked to subject area within the school

WHO CAN BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Anyone who is over 18 years of age and has a child registered in School.

You will need to

- ✓ Be willing to give up some of your time and make a commitment to the School
- ✓ Have an interest in education
- ✓ Be willing to work as part of a team
- ✓ Be willing to listen and learn



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Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support, as well as access to external governor training. Those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years. For further information about the role of a school governor, please see the leaflet attached and follow this link to the National Governors Association <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the attached nomination form and return to the school office no later than 12 noon on Friday 11th December 2020. If you would like a paper copy of the nomination form, please collect a copy from the school office.

If you wish, you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for if an election is required. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election. An election, by secret ballot, will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. If an election is needed details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. The enclosed sheet summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a Governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason. Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me or Lynne Allan (Chair of Governors) through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Hardy
Executive Headteacher