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Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governor Election

As mentioned in Friday's newsletter, I am writing to you to inform you that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. We would welcome nominations for you to stand or nominate. All parents with Legal Responsibility are entitled to vote or be nominated in this election and we currently have 1 vacancy.

The Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

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

All governors regardless of their constituency are elected or appointed with one common purpose – to govern the school in the best interest of pupils. Parent governors are no exception. They are not elected to represent their stakeholder group, but are elected in order to contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school, contributing to strategic discussion, holding senior leaders to account by monitoring school performance and ensuring money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills – Finance and/or Business. Training is available for all Governors and this Governing Body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than **Tuesday 6th February 2024**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure. If you would like a paper copy of these procedural documents, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,
Returning Officer
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