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**Can you help shape the future of our school?**

**Would you like to apply to be a parent governor?**

**Would you like to nominate a parent to be a governor?**

Dear Parents/Carers

The governing body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The governing body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of parent governors, staff governors, co-opted and Foundation governors.

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. **Please note: we welcome nominations from the community and you do not need to be a parent to join our governing body.** The governing body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. If you are someone with the required experience, would you consider applying? Governors also need what is known as '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, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our governing body expects governors to:

- Attend three termly meetings of the full governing body
- sit on one of our three sub-committees: Teaching and Learning, Finance or Management, and attend the meetings which are usually one every term
- visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least three times year
- visit the school informally at least twice a year
- commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required and take part in monitoring at least two areas within the school

In return, our governing body commits to:

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training via Right choice
- provide you with access to Share point (remote access sharing document system)
- provide you with a governor email so you can contact other governors

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email me with your contact details and I will pass on your details to the chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher

