

9 October 2017

Dear Parent or Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

There are currently two Parent Governor vacancies on our school's Local Governing Board, and I am writing to invite applications to fill these vacancies.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; together governors are responsible for setting 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.

In looking to fill these vacancies the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the Local Governing Board: business, finance, governance, local community issues, understanding and experience of committees and leadership attributes.

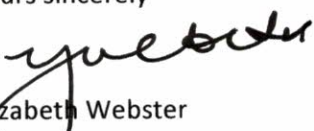
Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years.

If you would like to apply, please contact the school for an application form and return to the school office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 1 November 2017. If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor. This will then be circulated to the Local Governing Body for consideration at their next meeting.

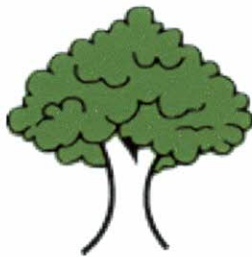
Applications must be from parents or carers with children at the school. The enclosed sheet summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a governor. Anyone applying for the position must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason. Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school 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.

For further information about the role please get in touch with me through the school office. Telephone No. 01526 832424 I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Webster
Secretary to the Governing Body



Disqualification criteria

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief order or an interim debt relief order;
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to: a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989; a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two-and-a-half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a DBS check