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**Dear Parent** 

## School Governing Body - Nomination for 'Parent Governor'

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The school's Governing Body is made up of a combination of elected and appointed Governors. The elected members come from the school staff (elected by staff of the school) and the parent body of the school (elected by the school's parents).

Parent Governors are elected for a four year term and must be parents or have parental responsibility of children on the school roll at the time of the election. They do not have to stand down if their child leaves the school during their period of office, though they may do so if they wish. Parent Governors may stand for re-election at the end of their term of office if they still qualify.

Allowing for the specific responsibilities of the Headteacher, Governors have a wide and increasing range of duties relating to the work of the school. Meetings of the Governing Body take place once a term and, in addition, members of the Governing Body will belong to at least one committee; these committees also usually meet once a term.

It is expected that Governors will become acquainted with educational issues as they affect the school and that they will lend support to the school on other occasions. Parent Governors are not 'delegates' and therefore are not obliged to reflect the views of any particular constituency. All members of the Governing Body act according to their own consciences and points of view. They receive a structured induction, access to quality training and an experienced mentor.

The Department for Education (DfE) has strongly recommended in its guidance that all new governor appointments are made subject to a check against the list of teachers and others banned or with restrictions imposed on them from working with children and young people. In order that we comply with this recommendation all new governor appointments will be made subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service. In addition, evidence of identity will be required.

## **Election of Parent Governor**

A vacancy exists for the post of Parent Governor; each parent/carer may nominate one parent to stand for election. You may nominate yourself, your spouse or any other parent willing to stand. If more than two people are nominated you will be contacted again so that you can vote in a secret ballot.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

Please complete this nomination form by noon on Tuesday 8th November 2022 Nomination for the Post of Parent Governor - please click here to complete