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CALLING ALL PARENTS!

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We are looking for parents to volunteer to become Parent Governors. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the school and help shape the education for all of our children. Any parent or carer with a child at the school, including nursery, can put themselves forward and we are keen to have representation from the different communities that are part of our school.

Who are School Governors and what do they do?

The school Governing Body is made up of staff from the school, local authority representatives, parents and people from the wider community.

The governing body “governs” the school in partnership with the headteacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. They ensure that all children and young people receive an education that helps them to achieve their full potential. The vision is to take the school from an Ofsted rating of ‘Good’ to ‘Outstanding’.

The role of the Governing Body is an important one, and its key tasks are to:

- Set the strategic direction and aims for the school
- Set the policies and targets for achieving those aims
- Monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards the achievement of its aims
- Be a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a ‘critical friend’)
- Ensure that the school is a safe, healthy and inclusive place

Why volunteer to be a parent governor?

The school needs parent governors to represent the views of parents. It is essential that there are parental voices taking part in discussions about the running of the school. Being a parent governor is a very rewarding way to become involved with the school.

What skills or experience do I need?

No special skills or experience are required. You don’t need to be an ‘expert’ in education and you will receive support from other governors. What we are looking for from parent governors is enthusiasm, a keen interest and commitment to the school and the community it serves. You will need to be able to work well in a team as you’ll be making joint decisions about things.

How much time does it take up?

Governors are expected to attend 4 Governing Body meetings and 4 Committee meetings per year, plus a few visits to school for learning walks.

Will I receive any training?

Yes, as a new governor you will have access to training and support.

How can I find out more, put my name forward or nominate someone else?

To nominate yourself or someone else who you think would be good for the role please either call or email the school office. Or if you would like to find out more about becoming a parent governor please leave a message at the office and one of the governors will call you back for an informal chat. **The deadline for nominations is Friday 3 July at 10.00.**