



Wednesday 16th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Invitation to stand for Parent Governor election

The role of a school governor is extremely important and many essential decisions about this school are taken by our Governing Board. School governors work together with the school leadership team to continually improve the education for every child at our school. Our school governors have 3 core functions. They:

1. Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of our school
2. Hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of our school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
3. Oversee the financial performance of our school and make sure its money is well spent.

There are now vacancies for **two parent governors** for a period of four years. These vacancies are required to be filled by an election. You are invited to stand for election as a parent governor.

The Governing Board would be delighted if parents/carers who have legal and/or financial skills and experience stood for election. However, all eligible parents/carers, regardless of skills and experiences, can stand for election.

Schools have governors from all walks of life, from different ethnic groups and all age groups over 18 years old. Very few people cannot be governors. On the declaration of eligibility form is a list of statements which, if apply, also would prevent someone from becoming a school governor. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Therefore, if successful, you will be required to allow an application to the DBS for an enhanced DBS check.

Please note that the most important duty of any governor is to attend meetings of the Governing Board and you should be sure that you are committed and available to do this before applying. At Park Hill Infant School, the Governing Board meets every term; usually the meetings commence at 6.00pm and finish between 8.00 and 8.30 pm approximately. There are also committee meetings arranged termly.

Please turn over

If you would like to stand for election as a parent governor, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please complete the relevant section on the nomination form attached. If you wish to self-nominate, there is no need for a seconder. If you wish to nominate someone else you will need first need to check that they have a child at this school and that they are willing to be a school governor.

Each person standing for election must prepare a short personal statement stating why they wish to stand for election. These statements will be circulated to parents/carers with the ballot papers. Each person will also need to sign the declaration, as we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Nomination forms, personal statements and declarations of eligibility must reach me by **1pm on Wednesday 30th September 2020**. Any nominations received after this date and time will not be considered. Nomination forms returned without a corresponding personal statement and signed declaration of eligibility will be considered to be void applications and will not be considered. If I receive more than three nominations a ballot will be arranged.

Candidates considering this important position are welcome to contact either Ms Charman or Mrs Parry for a brief, informal discussion about the role.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Charman
Headteacher

Parent Election Nomination Form

To nominate yourself please complete Part A.

To nominate someone else complete Part B yourself and ask them to complete Part C.

Part A

I wish to stand for election as Parent Governor. My child attends this school.

Signed

Print Name..... Date.....

Child's Name and class:

Part B

I wish to nominate for election as parent governor.

Signed Print Name..... Date.....

Part C

I am prepared to stand for election as parent governor. I have a child at this school.

Signed Print Name.....

Date

Child's Name and class:

Personal Statement Form

Why I would like to become a parent governor

The declaration of eligibility, the nomination form and the personal statement must be returned to the Head Teacher within the stated timescale.

Appendix 1A Parent Governor Declaration of Eligibility *(to be completed by all parent nominees of maintained schools)*

I declare that I am not disqualified from serving as a school parent governor and that:

- I am aged 18 or over and not a registered pupil at the school.
- I am not an elected member of the local authority.
- I am not paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12-month period.
- I do not already hold a governorship of the same school.
- I am not the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief restriction order or an interim debt relief restriction order.
- I have not had my estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.
- I am not subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under either the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or a disqualification order under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.
- I am not subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- I have not been removed from the office of trustee for a charity: by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, for which I was responsible or to which I was privy, or to which my conduct contributed to or facilitated; or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body.
- I have not been removed from office as an elected governor within the last five years.
- I am not included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people.
- I have not been subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008.
- I am not barred from any regulated activity relating to children.
- I have not been disqualified from working with children or from registration for childminding or providing day care.
- I am not disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
- I have not received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) in the UK or elsewhere, for a period greater than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment / election as a governor or since becoming a governor. *
- I have not received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment / election as a governor. *
- I have not at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more. *
- I have not been convicted and / or fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises during the five years ending with the date immediately preceding appointment / election or since appointment or election as a governor.
- I understand that I will be disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office if I do not make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate within 21 days of appointment and if I do not provide to the Chair of the Board a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level.
- I understand that if in the opinion of either the Chair or the Principal / Head Teacher the certificate discloses any information which would confirm my unsuitability to work with children that I will be disqualified.

Signed:..... Print Name:.....

Date:.....

Please Note: A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be required. *any conviction by or before a court outside the UK, of an offence which under UK law would not have constituted an offence will be disregarded.