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Dear Parent/Guardian

Parent Governor Vacancies

I am writing to let you know that there are 2 vacancies for parents on the governing body of our school. A governing body is a group made up of parents, school staff (including the Headteacher), and people from the local community who together oversee the development of the school. Governors do not manage the school, that is the responsibility of the Headteacher and Leadership Team, but they do help determine the aims and values of the school, the priorities for development and help to monitor that the decisions they are making are having the desired effect.

Governors aren't expected to be experts but need to be willing to work as part of a team, read papers, attend meetings and ask constructive questions. There is free training available and plenty of advice and support from the school and Hounslow Council. Parents have invaluable experience to contribute and are the largest group on many governing bodies. Although they will reflect their own and their children's experience, as a governor they need to be willing to consider the interests of all children and families in the school.

Parents, step-parents and guardians are able to stand for election, nominate other parents and vote in an election for parent governors. If for any reason you are not sure if you are eligible then ask the Headteacher.

If you would like to become a governor please complete the nomination form and disqualification declaration and return it to the school by Friday 23rd February. If you wish to nominate another parent, you must get them to sign the form to confirm they are willing to be put forward. If the number of nominations received is the same or fewer than the number of vacancies then those parents will be declared parent governors.

If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, then an election will be held by secret ballot. All nominated candidates will be asked to prepare a short statement saying why they would like to be a governor. The statements will then be circulated with the ballot papers.

I hope you will consider standing. If you would like to find out more or perhaps talk to one of the serving governors please phone or ask at the school office. All parents will be advised of the outcome shortly after the closing date.

Yours faithfully

Ms A Stockley
Headteacher



School Travel Plan