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7th November, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received three nominations for the two vacant positions of **parent governors**. Parents and carers are invited to vote for the two people they would like to represent them on the governing body.

Please find candidate names and personal statements overleaf. When casting your vote you may wish to take the following into account:

The Governing Body has a strategic leadership role and, as such, forms part of the Leadership and Management of the School having its actions and effectiveness inspected and reported on by Ofsted and other Government agencies.

The purpose of the post of Governor is to contribute to the work of the governing body in raising standards of achievement for all pupils. This involves providing a strategic view for the school, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability. The individual governor has a responsibility, working alongside fellow members of the governing body, to the staff and pupils of the school, the school's wider community. Although some governors may represent particular constituencies, they are not delegates of that group.

Recruitment Criteria advised by Governor Services are:

- An interest or background in education.
- Appropriate availability (for visits during the school day and meetings after school / early evening).
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- The ability to work as part of a team.
- A desire to support the school.
- Any relevant professional experience (e.g. finance/accountancy, human resource management or similar).

The code of conduct for Governors:

- To act in the best interests of the school – this may require balancing short and long term issues, school and community issues etc.
- To work as a member of a team at all times and be loyal to collective decisions made by the governing body.
- To recognise that all governors have the same rights and responsibilities unless particular responsibilities are conferred on them by the full governing body.
- To understand that no governor can act alone except in exceptional circumstances prescribed in the regulations – the power of the governing body rests in it acting as a single body.

Ballot papers can be found in the school foyer, by the ballot box.
Votes must be cast by 3.30pm on Friday 17th November 2017.

Yours,

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Head Teacher



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