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Dear Parent/Carer

NOMINATION FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

Parents play a very important role on our Governing Body and are a vital part of our team, helping the school to meet the needs of the children and the community we serve. The Governing Body is composed of 2 parent governors, 1 staff governor, 1 ex officio governor, 1 governor appointed by the Local Authority, 5 co-opted governors and 2 foundation governors. All governors, including parent governors, are equally valued for their contribution to the life of the school. Parent governors are not delegates and do not speak 'on behalf' of the parent body, but bring a parental perspective to the issues discussed.

Parent governors are elected by all parents and there is now a vacancy. The term of office of all governors, except myself, is four years but they can resign at any time. Parent governors may serve the full term even if their child has left the school. Training and support is available to all governors so parents should not feel that they do not have the necessary expertise or knowledge to carry out the role effectively. However it would be useful at this point in the school's development to have a parent governor with experience of strategic development. Further information regarding the role of governors may be found on the governors section of the school website.

School governors have important responsibilities for the overall conduct of the school and clearly the views of parents are of great value. As a parent/carer of a child in our school you are entitled to stand as a candidate and to vote in an election. If you choose to offer yourself as a candidate to become a parent governor I would request that you contact the school to arrange a telephone appointment with our Chair of Governors, Mary Draper, to discuss the responsibilities and expectations of school governors by Friday 13th November. You should then complete the attached nomination form, including the details of a proposer and seconder, and return it to me not later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday 27th November. You must, of course, obtain the agreement of your nominee. If you return a form I shall sign a receipt for it. Should two parents living in the same household wish to make separate nominations, a further form can be obtained from the school.

If there are more nominations than places on the Governing Body it will be necessary to hold an election. Candidates are invited to supply, in not more than 150 words, a note on their background and interests. In the event of an election being necessary, this information will be available to all parents who are eligible to vote.

All Governors must have a DBS check carried out by the School and all appointments are dependent upon this. If you would like further advice you could speak to the present parent governors, the Head Teacher or Chair of Governors. For information I have also attached a list of disqualifications from governorship.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Flanagan', written in a cursive style.

Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher