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Dear Parents/Carers

**Vacancy for Parent Governor on the Local Governing Committee (LGC)**

We have a vacancy for a new parent governor to join us on the local governing committee (LGC). The application details will be sent out after half term and I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to consider the role. Being a school governor gives an excellent insight into the working of the school and is immensely rewarding.

The application form, by its nature, is somewhat formal. Please do not be put off by that formality! We are a very friendly and welcoming group of governors and very supportive of new (and existing) governors. There is one LGC meeting each half term and governors also make visits during the school to the school. Some training is required but this is not onerous and much is now available online.

The vacancy has arisen as one of our current parent governors, Gina Davy, is coming to the end of her 4-year term. The LGC comprises of nine governors plus the head teacher. Of these nine governors, three governors are appointed from the parent/carer group in school. They do not represent parents, rather are appointed from that group. In addition, there is one staff governor and five co-opted governors.

No previous experience of being a governor is required. Experience in the following areas would be welcome but again is not essential:

* Education
* Finance
* Human resources
* Safeguarding
* Managing people, meetings, chair roles

I have no doubt that our current parent governors would be happy to explain further the parent governor role – they are Gina Davy, Steve Dobson and Kathryn Molyneux. Equally I am very happy to give further details. We can all be contacted via School Reception.

The school is moving into yet another exciting phase with the expansion to a full two-form school envisaged by 2025. It is an excellent time to be a governor and I highly recommend the experience to all. Please look out for the application form after half term.

With best wishes

**Fiona Wrightson**

**Chair of Governors**