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## Parent Governor Election

Dear Parents

We have **one vacancy** for parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. Parent governors are elected by the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing board. Governors work closely with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team to develop and review the school's strategic vision and goals. Governors agree on the school improvement plan and contribute to the creation of policies, oversee their implementation and ensure they align with the school's ethos and values. By actively participating in strategic planning, governors help shape the direction of the school and help to ensure its long-term success.

Becoming a Parent Governor is a significant responsibility, and I would strongly recommend reading the attached documents before deciding if this is a commitment that you can make:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook>

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

You also might like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Gloucestershire County Council website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors).

The governing board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that governing boards need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team.

From our last skills audit the gap analysis showed **engineering, law, finance, business and building/facilities** to be the areas of interest to the school and we would especially welcome applications from parents with this background.

It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, contact the school office with your nomination (self-nomination is acceptable), which will need to be with the school **by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 4 June**.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held and you will be sent a voting paper.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Dineen  
Chair of Governors

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