



Developing Potential without Limitations

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Dear Parent/Carer,

1st May 2019

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or to nominate another parent to do so. At Frieth School our governing board has provision for 2 parent governors, that is, governors elected by the parent body – there may be more than two parents on the governing board but the others will have been appointed by the Local Authority, the Diocese or the Parochial Church Council. There is currently one vacancy for a parent governor, with effect from mid May.

The governing body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. All governors are elected or appointed with one common purpose – to govern the school in the best interest of pupils. Parent governors are no exception. They are not elected to represent the parent body, but are elected in order to contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school, contributing to strategic discussion, holding senior leaders to account by monitoring school performance and ensuring money is well spent.

Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills: experience in the field of public relations, and knowledge of Equality and Diversity issues. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor will attend free induction training. If you would like to discuss what is involved in becoming a school governor you are very welcome to speak to me or one of the other current governors; contact us by emailing the school office.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than Friday 17th May. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,

Merelina Tebbot
Chair of Governors
Returning Officer