

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Dear Parents,

When a school first opens it has a Transition Board which acts as local governance under the direction of the Trust Board of REACh2. One of the reasons for this is to allow the school to become established before needing to recruit governors and create a Local Governing Body (LGB). We are now in a position to move from our current Transition Board to a Local Governing Body. The LGB will eventually be made up of:

- 2 elected staff representatives (1 teaching and 1 non-teaching)
- 2 elected parent governors
- 4 Trust appointed governors.
- The Head teacher also sits on the governing body.

As we are still a very small school we will not need this amount of governors in the first few years, so in the first instance, we will have:

- 1 staff representative
- 1 parent governor and
- between 3-4 Trust appointed governors.

The Trust appointed governors are currently being advertised externally. Mrs Dennis is our staff representative and we would now like to advertise for our first ever parent governor. Please see the poster on the reverse of this letter that tells you a little bit more about the role. It really is a great opportunity for you to get to know more about our school, represent the parents views and most importantly be a critical friend. This is when you will challenge the school to ensure it is providing the best possible education it can for the children and families it serves. You do not need to have any background in education at all and you will learn a lot along the way about schools. It is not a huge time commitment - a maximum of 2 meetings per term usually in the early evening that last no more than 2 hours, 1 link governor meeting per term (this is where you will link up with a member of staff about a certain area of the school) and occasional visits into school around your other commitments. The term of office is 4 years.

If you would like to apply for the position, please ask Mrs Dennis for an application form or download it from our website under the 'About Us' tab and click on 'Governance'. There is also more information about the role of a governor on there too. **The application deadline is: Friday 15th March.**

If only one parent applies for the position, they will automatically become the parent governor. However, if more than one person applies, we will run an election. In this case, the statement on the application form will be shared for other parents to read and vote on.

If an election is required, it will run between **Monday 25th March-Friday 29th March.** The result will be announced the following week after the votes have been counted.

I do hope this is something that you will consider. If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to talk to myself or Mrs Dennis about the role. If this role isn't for you but you would like to be more involved in the life of the school, there will be lots of opportunity to do so as part of Community Partnerships which organises fundraising events and events for the children to enjoy amongst many other things. More information will be available about this later in the term.

With very best wishes,

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