Latymer All Saints C of E Primary School

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Thursday, 8th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

ELECTION OF PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body of the School currently has one vacancy for Parent Governors.

I am writing to invite nominations of parents interested in standing for election to fill this.

The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the School and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body undertakes its role by setting the vision for the School and then ensuring that the School works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the School and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the School, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

Before you decide to put your name forward, you may wish to know a little more about what is involved. Governors' responsibilities include consideration and agreement of the aims and policies of the school, discussion and approval of the targets for improvement, setting and monitoring the budget, monitoring the performance of the school and reporting to the parents and community on how they have accomplished their tasks.

The role of the parent governor is not different to that of any other governor and they are representative parents as opposed to representatives of the parents. They bring a parental perspective to strategic discussions but are not there to speak on behalf of individual parents.

Expectations from a governor

Governors are expected to attend termly Governing Body meetings, regularly visit the School for monitoring purposes and undertaken relevant identified training. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. They need to have an interest in the School and in the welfare of the pupils and the time and willingness to become involved.

The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body.

At present the Governing Body is lacking Governors who have expertise in **Finance**.

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If you wish to stand for election could you, please let me know in writing to the Office by **Friday**, **16**th **May 2025 at 4pm**.

If the number of candidates is greater than the number of parent governor vacancies then a ballot will be necessary. In this instance you will be sent details of the candidates and a ballot paper on which to record your *vote/s*. Should a ballot be necessary, the candidate may if s/he wishes write a brief description of themselves, in not more than 200 words, for circulation with the ballot papers.

Who can stand for election?

Every parent of a registered pupil at the School is entitled to stand for election except someone who is

- an elected member of the Council;
- paid to work at the School for more than 500 hours in a 12-month period.

All prospective candidates should contact the School to request the 'Declaration of Eligibility Form' which they should read, sign and return to the School to state that none of the information applies to them.

The successful candidate will be required to have a DBS check. As this position is exempt from The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 you will be required to declare all unspent and spent cautions and criminal offences, including any pending convictions. The disclosure of a criminal record or other information will not necessarily debar you from volunteering as a Governor. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances, nature and background of your offence(s).

Parent Governors are representative parents but not parent representatives and bring a parental perspective to the GB discussion. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to become involved in the School.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at the School, please forward your contact details and I will arrange for a Governor to contact you.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Johnson

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