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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancies: Seeking Your Involvement

We're excited to announce that we have three vacancies for parent governors on our school's governing board for parent governors. This is two existing vacancies, plus one further existing parent governor who is completing their term of office (Dr Paul Wakeley). We're looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to fill these three important roles. The current parent governor can apply for a further term of office if remained eligible and so wishes.

Our governing board plays a vital role in shaping the school's direction, working closely with the headteacher, and ensuring our resources are used effectively to maintain high educational standards. Parent governors are crucial in maintaining a strong connection with all parents, though they don't act as spokespersons.

We provide all necessary training for our governors, including an induction course by Warwickshire Governor Services. The role involves attending six full governing board meetings each year, some sub-committee meetings, and aiming to visit the school once every half term.

Nominations are open to parents or carers with children currently at the school. Nominees must confirm their eligibility, and details about disqualification criteria are outlined on the enclosed sheet. A DBS check is mandatory and will be arranged by the school. Please note that parents or carers with significant roles in school employment or local authorities may be ineligible.

If you're interested in standing for election, please complete and sign the enclosed form and return it to the school office by 3pm on Friday 20th September. We welcome self-nominations as well as nominations of others. Please include a brief statement about yourself and why you're interested in becoming a governor. If we receive more nominations than available positions, a ballot will be held, and we will communicate the details to all parents.

Your involvement is crucial in helping shape the future of our school. If you'd like to know more about becoming a parent governor, please feel free to get in touch with me for an informal chat.

Thank you for considering this important voluntary role.

Best regards,

Mrs. Hester Stevns
Vice Chair of Governors

Nomination Form

Election of Parent Governors Nomination Form

Please return this form by 3pm on Friday 20th September (either in person to the school office, or via email to admin3216@we-learn.com)

Your name:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	

Please tick✓

<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare that I have a child on roll at the school and am eligible and willing to serve as a parent governor
<input type="checkbox"/>	I confirm that I am not disqualified from becoming a parent governor (see attached disqualification criteria)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that the post requires me to hold a DBS certificate (the school will apply for the check if you are successful)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I confirm that I am able to fulfil the role including by attending meetings as required, and by contributing to governance work outside formal meetings.

Signed:	
Date:	

Please include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor in the box below (**no more than 100 words**). If an election is needed, this will be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election.

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Qualifications and Disqualifications

Governors and Associate Members

Regulation 17, Schedule 4 of The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 covers the qualifications and disqualifications of governors for Maintained Schools.

All disqualifications apply to associate members except that they can be registered pupils at the school and can be under 18.

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his or her election or appointment and cannot be a registered pupil at the school.

A governor must not also be a clerk to the governing body at which they are a governor.

A person cannot hold more than one governor post at the same school at the same time.

A person is disqualified from being a parent governor if they are an elected member of the LA or paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e., for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in any consecutive twelve-month period (at the time of election or appointment).

A person is disqualified from being a local authority governor if they are eligible to be a staff governor at the school.

A person is disqualified from being a governor of a particular school if they have failed to attend the meetings of the governing body of that school for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting they failed to attend, without the consent of the governing body. This does not apply to the headteacher or to foundation governors appointed by virtue of their office.

A foundation, local authority, co-opted or partnership governor at the school who is disqualified for failing to attend meetings is only disqualified from being a governor of any category at the school during the twelve-month period starting on the date on which they were disqualified.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor of a school if, in summary, that person:

- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order; an interim bankruptcy restrictions order; debt relief restrictions order; an interim debt relief restrictions order; or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.
- is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; a disqualification order under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)
- has been removed from the office of trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- has been removed from office as an elected governor within the last five years
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people

- is barred from any regulated activity relating to children
- is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
- is disqualified from working with children or from registering for child-minding or providing day care
- is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
- subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor or since becoming a governor
- subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, has received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor
- subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- has been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises during the five years ending with the date immediately preceding appointment/election or since appointment or election as a governor
- refuses a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate.

Anyone proposed or serving as a governor who is disqualified for one of these reasons must notify the clerk to the governing body.

Eligibility Criteria

Who is eligible to be nominated and to vote in a parent governor election

[The constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools](#) - Statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools and local authorities in England states:

A.1 - Parent governors (*regulation 6 and Schedule 1*)

Parent governors are elected by other parents at the school. Subject to disqualifications set out below, any parent which includes a person with parental responsibility, or carer, of a registered pupil at the school at the time of election is eligible to stand for election as a parent governor. Parent governors may continue to hold office until the end of their term of office even if their child leaves the school