



Eden Girls

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION(S)

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school’s Governing Body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill the vacancy.

The Governing Body has an important role in the life of the school. It is the key link between the school, parents, and the local community. It works closely with the Senior Leadership Team in planning the development of the school. It monitors the school’s educational, financial and pastoral progress and provides constructive challenge to the Leadership Team to ensure that standards are maintained and targets are achieved.

Parent Governors play an important role as members of the Governing Body, making sure that parents’ views are reflected in the running and development of the school. The term of office for Parent Governors is four years. Governors are expected to attend at least four meetings in the evening during the course of the academic year and provide consistent support to the school on an ongoing basis. Training is available for all Governors and those new to being a Governor are required to attend induction training in full.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return to the school not later than **the 14th March 2022**.

Nominations must be from parents with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Parents putting their names forward are invited to provide some brief biographical details. These should be limited to no more than 500 words and should be suitable for inclusion on the ballot paper. Parents who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more are not eligible to stand in these elections.

The enclosed sheet summarises our school regulations for disqualifications to serve as a Governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason.

The successful candidate(s) will be required to submit an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service regarding their suitability to have access to children and young people. Candidates will not be able to take up their appointment until clearances have been received.

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 sincerely

Anand Patel
Principal

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines 'parent' as:

- *all natural parents, whether they are married or not*
- *any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person*
- *any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person (Having care of a child or young person means that the child lives with and is looked after by that person, irrespective of what their relationship is.)*

