



13th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy

Mr Ian Watt has recently stepped down from our Governing Body and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his time and commitment given to the school. This means that we now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

In looking to fill these vacancies the governors of the school have identified the **following skills, experience and attributes** that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

- enthusiasm for, interest in and commitment to the schools vision and ethos
- ability to **commit time** to deliver essential tasks and carry out important pieces of work
- ability to question and challenge
- ability to think strategically

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity **please contact the office for an application form** which will need to be completed and returned to the school by **12.00 noon on Tuesday 31st October**.

The guidelines giving full details about how vacancies are filled can be found on the school's website. You should also look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website.

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Donald

Chair of Governors