



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD – ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

There are currently two vacancies for governors directly elected by the parents and I am therefore writing to invite nominations. No formal qualifications are required; you just need common sense, time, enthusiasm and a commitment to working as part of a team to make a difference for all the children at our school. Research shows that being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of personal skills. As a guide, being a school governor would take up 6-8 hours a month of your time. The term of office is four years.

In order to carry out its core functions our board needs people with a wide range of competencies and skills. We are, however, keen to recruit parents and carers coming from 'all walks of life' and representing all groups in our School community. You can find out more about the role by contacting the Chair of Governors, Mr Matthew Watkins – please contact Mrs. Alison Allen, PA to the Headteacher on 01280 812206 or by email; office@buckinghamschool.org

If you wish to stand for election you may nominate yourself as a candidate. No proposer or seconder is required but you must signify your intention to stand in writing. Those eligible to stand are the parents or carers of pupils who are currently registered pupils at this school. A person who works at the school for more than 500 hours in a consecutive twelve-month period or who is an elected member of the Local Authority is not eligible to be a parent governor.

The term of office will be for a period of four years. A parent whose child leaves the school may continue as a parent governor until the end of their term of office, if he or she so wishes.

Nominations should be sent within the next two weeks, before the closing date of **12pm, Friday, 1 March 2019**. If there are only two parents nominated, they will of course be elected unopposed, but if there are more candidates than vacancies, a postal ballot will be held.

The ballot will be entirely secret and a further letter about the arrangements will be sent to you. All parents whose child/children attend this school will be entitled to vote in the postal ballot and voting will be on the basis of one vote per parent/carer per place available.

If it proves impossible to fill all vacancies, the Governing Board has the right to make an appointment in order to fill the required number of parent governor places on the Governing Board. If the need to do this arises, the Governing Board would first of all consider appointing a parent who has a child on roll at the school, but if an appointment cannot be made, the Governing Board would consider a person who was a parent of a school-aged child, but not necessarily a registered pupil at this school.

Please note that governors will be required to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a DBS certificate when appointed and the school will advise on this process.

Prospective governors should also note that the school has a Close Personal Relationships Policy and therefore, they should not become a governor if they have a close personal relationship with a member of staff at the school.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs S Gallagher or Mrs K Bones at office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



A full list of the names of the school governors will be available as soon as all appointments have been finalised.

Attached is a form for use in the nomination procedure for parent governors which parents may find useful, but a separate nomination letter is just as acceptable. Please return the form or letter by the closing date detailed above.

Yours faithfully,



Mr A McGinnes

Headteacher

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