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Election of Parent Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to consider standing for election as a parent governor for our school.

Every school has a Governing Board which includes parent governors. Parent governors are elected to serve for a period of between one and four years. We currently have 2 parent governors in post and 1 vacancy to fill.

Together with the Executive Head Teacher, the Governing Board has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governors are involved in deciding school policies, allocating the school's budget and appointing staff. No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Board's work. Please see disqualifications to serve as a school governor on the next page. In order to support governors in their work, the borough of Barking and Dagenham provides free training for all governors.

The Full Governing Board meets 4 times a year usually at 17:00 and, in addition, there are various committee meetings per term (depending on which committee you agree to join).

If you would like to stand for election, **please complete the Nomination Form and return it to the school within two weeks (by 15th October 2025)**. Forms are available at the office and can be downloaded from the school's website. Each person nominated **must be proposed** and **seconded** by a parent or carer who has a child at the school. One parent needs to propose and another needs to second your nomination. Anyone standing for election is invited to provide, with his/her nomination, a short personal statement. The statement should include your reasons for wanting to be a parent governor and the contribution you believe you can make to the Governing Board and the school.

If the number of nominations received is equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies, the nominee will automatically be elected as parent governors. If, however, there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held and copies of the personal statements will be sent to all parents.

I do hope you will consider standing as a governor or nominating another parent or carer. If you would like more information about being a school governor, please contact another governor or myself for more information via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Pedro
Executive Head Teacher

Qualifications and disqualifications to serve as a school governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
    - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
    - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
    - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
    - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A od the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;

  is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;

- has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- has been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only);
- has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months