



Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing board and we are writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy.

The governing board has an extremely important role. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, working in partnership with the headteacher, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Governors individually have no power but when they act collectively, as a corporate body instead of as individuals, they are very powerful.

Parent governors are a vital part of the school's governing board. They also help to ensure the board is connected with the parents at the school (although you are not expected to be a spokesperson for parents).

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing board:

- ***Commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for all pupils***
- ***Ability to question and analyse and a willingness to learn***
- ***Good interpersonal skills***
- ***Ability to work constructively in committees***

Experience in any of the following areas would be particularly welcome (but are not essential):

- ***Finance***
- ***Safeguarding***
- ***Management***

All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs a wide variety of training courses for governors which you can attend, including an induction course for new governors – we expect all our governors to complete induction training.

Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. The enclosed sheet summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that they are not disqualified for any reason listed. All governors must apply for a DBS check. The school will arrange that. Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school office no later than 12 noon on **Tuesday 20th March**. You can nominate yourself. Please include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor. This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for if an election is needed. 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.

An election, by secret ballot, will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. If an election is needed details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a governor, please speak with Hannah Brierley – Jessica and Ada's mum or Cat Blagrove – Joseph's mum who are both part of the governing board, as a co-opted governor and parent governor.

Please think about taking on the role or encourage other parents to volunteer. We need committed parent governors to make the governing board as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Thomas
Headteacher

Gareth Mulcahy
Chair of Governors