



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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To: All parents/carers of children attending Hawridge & Cholesbury Church of England School

Dear Parent

Hawridge & Cholesbury Church of England School Governing Body governor vacancies and election

Being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of new skills and it is also a great way to get to learn more about the school and to have an active role in shaping the school's future. 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. Full training is provided.

We are currently seeking to fill 1 vacancy for a parent governor and 3 foundation governor vacancies.

Parent governors are elected by parents and carers of children attending the school.

Foundation governors form part of the link between a church school, the local church community and the wider church (in our case the Diocese of Oxford). They have a special responsibility to ensure that the distinctive character of the school as a Church of England school is 'preserved and developed' – i.e. that the school is recognisably Christian.

There is an expectation that foundation governors should be committed Christians, although, within that, members of any Christian denomination are welcome. If you are interested in being a foundation governor or know someone in the local community who may be interested, please let me know.

Election process for parent governor

Parents who wish to stand for election must be proposed and seconded in writing, with nominations being signed by the proposer and seconder; the person nominated must also state in writing that he or she is willing to stand for election. Those eligible to stand

are the parents or carers of children who are currently registered pupils at this school. The proposer and seconder must also have a child currently in attendance at the school.

The term of office is 4 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 to me before the closing date of **noon on Friday 23 February**. If there is only one nomination, the parent will be elected unopposed.

If there is more than one candidate, 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 vacancy. Before the ballot takes place, we will circulate information from the candidates to all parents.

If it proves impossible to fill the vacancy, the Governing Body has the right to make an appointment in order to fill the required number of parent governor places on the Governing Body. If the need to do this arises, the Governing Body would first of all consider appointing a parent who has a child on roll at the school, but if it could not make an appointment, the Governing Body 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 are required to produce evidence of identity and complete a declaration form. Appointment is also subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

I enclose a tear-off slip for use in the nominating procedure for parent governors which parents may find useful, but a separate nomination letter is just as acceptable. Please return the slip or letter by noon on **Friday 23 February** addressed to me via the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Rosie Phillips
HEADTEACHER

Hawridge & Cholesbury Church of England School

I wish to nominatefor the position of parent governor.

SIGNED:.....DATE:.....

SECONDED:.....DATE:.....

I am prepared to accept this nomination

DATE.....

Please return to the Headteacher by noon on **Friday 23 February 2024**.

Candidates are requested to include information about themselves with their completed form. This should consist of ***no more than 200 words*** and will be distributed to parents should there need to be a ballot.