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**'All Moving Forward
Together'**

21 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Governor Vacancies

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education and help us provide the very best for every member of Team Northfield?

**If so, why not consider joining our team of dedicated governors!
We have 2 vacancies**

What do school governors do?

Governors are a group of people who work together to help the staff ensure they are doing everything they can to fulfil requirements and develop the school as a whole. There is no expectation that governors have previous experience or knowledge of working in education or the running of a school. **They are just people who care about the community and want the very best for children.** Their role is to ask questions and learn about how we educate the children and run the school.

Some of the things you could be involved in include:

- Discuss and help develop school policies and procedures
- Monitor the performance of the school, e.g. children's performance and assessments
- Overseeing the budget
- Helping to recruit staff
- Provide a vital means for parents and the community to get their views heard by the governing body as a whole

There is not a huge time commitment, although there is a requirement to attend the three termly Full Governing Body meetings. There is also opportunity to meet with staff to discuss particular areas that are of interest to you and other committees you can join including finance and curriculum. We also hold events that we actively encourage governors to be part of, including our Governor Awards assembly where governors have the privilege of awarding children for their personal achievements.

Are you interested?

Please read the section at the end of this letter which provides some more information and the process for appointing Parent Governors and if you would like to find out more

information please give school a call or pop into the office and we will arrange a time to have a chat with either myself or a serving governor.

I do hope you will give this some consideration and I look forward to receiving your nomination form which is enclosed.

The closing date for nominations is 12 noon on Thursday 3rd February 2022.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

Sam Woolhouse
Headteacher



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Process for Selection and Appointment of Parent Governors

- As the parent, carer or other person with parental responsibility for a pupil at this school you have the right to both propose candidates and stand as a candidate yourself.
- If you decide to put yourself forward for the parent governor vacancy you will need to find two other parents willing to propose and second your nomination. You will need to ask them to complete and sign the enclosed form.
- If more parents want to become governors than there are vacancies, a ballot will be held. Ballot papers and details of the election process will be sent to all parents and carers eligible to vote.
- If you put yourself forward and no ballot is necessary you will be elected unopposed from the day after the deadline for nominations passes.
- You are invited to provide a statement to support your nomination as a parent governor. If a ballot is held this statement will be included on the ballot paper to help other parents decide who to vote for.
- If you are elected as a governor your term of office will normally be 4 years. You can resign at any time. If your child leaves the school you can continue as a governor until the end of your term of office.
- A 'parent' for the purpose of the election is a person with 'parental responsibility', as defined in the Children Act 1989, and includes married parents, mothers of non-marital children and divorced or separated parents. It may also include unmarried fathers who may acquire parental responsibility by agreement with the mother or by means of a court order. Guardians, non-parents in respect of whom a residence order is made and local authorities in respect of whom a care order is made, may also acquire parental responsibility. A parent governor must have a child in the school at the beginning of the school year in September 2021.
- There are circumstances which disqualify parents from standing for election to the governing body, but not from proposing or voting for candidates. In brief these are where a person has been adjudged bankrupt or has been convicted of a criminal offence during the last five years for which a prison sentence (suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months, without the option of a fine, was imposed. In addition if a parent is employed to work at the school for more than 500 hours per year, then they are not eligible to stand for election or appointment as a parent governor.

DRIFFIELD NORTHFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Name and address of
parent nominated for election

Name and address of
proposer

Name and address
of seconder

Signed
(Signature of person
nominated)

Signed
(Signature of proposer)

Signed
(Signature of seconder)

Parents wishing to make nominations should arrange to have this form completed and returned to the Headteacher by **12 noon on Thursday 3rd February 2022** accompanied by brief biographical details (around 200 words) of the nominee.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS:-