



16th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Chesterton Community College Election of Parent Governors

The governing body of Chesterton Community College has two parent governor vacancies. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for strategic planning and overall governance of the school. They help to appoint our staff, and to build good relationships between the school, parents and our local community. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body and we rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking. They are on the governing body as representative parents, but they are not delegates and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice and training are available from various sources. If you are interested in the education of your child and the way the school makes decisions, and have some time to commit to this role, we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can self-nominate, stand for election and can vote in the election. A parent who is an elected member of the local authority (County Councillor), or is disqualified for other reasons stated in our Articles of Association, is not eligible to stand for election, but is permitted to vote. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint nominated parents to the governing body. The term of office for a parent governor is four years.

All should honour those who offer to help, but in the end are not elected. A year ago we had 8 nominations for two places, and that may have discouraged people; last term we had only one nomination for two places, so Oonagh Monkhouse was therefore appointed without an actual election. I myself (Simon speaking) was not elected when I first put myself forward, but I offered myself again and have ended up as chair. So, be brave: do consider putting your name forward. If you would like more information please contact the school and we can put you in touch with a member of our governing body for an informal chat.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by 27th November 2015. We also need a paragraph or two about the nominee, and why they would like to be a governor. On 3rd December 2015 we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations, and whether we need to have an election. If there is an election, we will send more details to you about how to vote on-line or in person. All voting must be completed by 15th December 2015

A nomination form is overleaf; further copies, and the rules guiding the election of parent governors, can be obtained from the school website or by asking at reception.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

Self-Nomination Form

Election for a Parent Governor for Chesterton Community College

Your Name: _____

Name & Year(s) of Child(ren): _____

Why I would like to be a parent governor:

(please provide a brief statement of no more than 200 words continuing on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Declaration: I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor

Signature:	
Date:	