

Friday, 07 May 2021

Dear parent / carer,

**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – Last Call!**

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent/carer to do so. In our school we have provision for 4 parent governors and there is currently 1 vacancy.

You may have seen in last week's Haverstock News that we have one parent governor vacancy to fill.

The governing body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- and, to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We are pleased that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Please do not be put off applying because you feel that governors may need particular skills. You do not need any special qualifications or previous experience of governance as we offer support and training for new governors. It does involve spending some time in the school and at a few meetings each term. If you are thinking of applying but would like a conversation with an existing governor first, please feel free to contact Alison Lowton, Chair of Governors at [alison.lowton@haverstock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:alison.lowton@haverstock.camden.sch.uk)

There are certain circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. These include parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority. Nominations must be from parents/carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election **act now** by contacting [martin.hesketh@haverstock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:martin.hesketh@haverstock.camden.sch.uk) no later than 5.30pm on Tuesday 11 May 2021. If there are more applications than vacancies, an election by secret ballot will take place. If that is necessary, further details of how to vote in the ballot procedure will follow.

Yours sincerely,



**James Hadley**  
Headteacher

