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## TO ALL FAMILIES

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

As mentioned by Jacqui Warne in the last Family Newsletter, there is a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. **Please think about becoming a governor or encouraging others to volunteer.**

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting at least once every half term. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve each school's performance.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support from a fellow governor "buddy", as well as access to external governor training. Those new to being a governor are encouraged to attend induction training over time, as you settle into the role. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years. For further information, please get in touch with Kay Rosier on 01392 467168 who will be happy to answer any questions you have.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the nomination form on page 3 and return this to Christine Walker at Ellen Tinkham School **no later than 12 noon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**. If you wish, you can include a few details about yourself about why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). If we receive more than one nomination, this information will be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for, by secret ballot, in an election. You do not have to complete this section, but you may put yourself at a disadvantage if we need to go to an election.

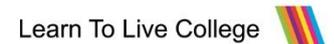
Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Page 2 of this letter summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason. Parents/carers who 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.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Kate Mythen – Chair of Governors**

**Jacqui Warne – Executive Head**



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## Disqualification Criteria

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief order or an interim debt relief order;
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
  - i. a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
  - ii. a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
  - iii. a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  - iv. an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order)
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a DBS check.



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