



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

I am writing to you today as the Governing Body of the school has a vacancy for one parent governor and I hope that you will decide to nominate yourselves for election.

You need not feel that you must know anything about teaching or the running of a school in order to stand for election. Knowing about the education process is far less important than enthusiasm and a genuine interest in contributing, first, from your own understanding as a parent of young people and equally important, from your own personal and professional experience – the governing body needs a whole range of input from outside the education world. The term of office of a governor is four years (you may serve the full term of office even if your child leaves the school before your term of office finishes) and this gives time to learn as you go along, making a greater contribution as familiarity with the role grows. Thorough induction training and continuing training opportunities are provided.

Tring School is a large organisation employing nearly 200 staff, with a revenue budget circa £9 million. Tring School is part of the Ridgeway Learning Partnership which includes Grove Road Primary School. As with any such organisation, long term strategies and detailed objectives and plans have to be agreed on to meet the overriding objective of the school, which is to deliver the best possible education at all times for each of the school's students. The strategic role of governors means that, as a body, we are called upon to support the Head of School and the leadership team in critical discussion of current practice and future development and to ensure appropriate accountability.

The full Governing Body meets ten times a year. The meetings usually take place at school (these have been remote more recently) on weekday evenings at 6.00 pm, however, a small number take place at 8.00 am in the morning.

However, being a governor is much more interesting than just papers and meetings: it offers the chance of fuller engagement with the whole life of the school - supporting its wide range of activities and visiting during the school day to learn about its core function. This is a voluntary activity that does take time and energy, but I believe that all of the existing governors would agree that they find it immensely rewarding to be contributing in this way to the development of a flourishing school.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete this [form](#) by midday Monday 19 April 2021.

Tel: 01442 822303 Email: tringschool@tringschool.org www.tring.herts.sch.uk



You will need to ask another parent of a student at the school to second your nomination and they should email vwilson@tringschool.org to confirm that they are happy to do this.

Please be aware that regulations require everyone elected or appointed to a governing body to undergo a pre-appointment check which may include a criminal background check. This is to ensure the safety of our students. If you are elected and you subsequently decline to undergo such a check, you will disqualify yourself.

Please give brief details about yourself, your skills and what you think you can bring to the role of a governor (**not more than 80 words**) on the form. If an election is needed these details will be copied and sent to all parents with the ballot papers. **Please note that the 80-word limit will be strictly enforced and result in additional wording being deleted.**

If the number of nominations is the same as or less than the number of vacancies, then the people nominated will be deemed elected unopposed. If there are not enough nominations, the governing body has the duty to appoint parent governors to fill the remaining vacancy.

If an election is necessary we will send out ballot papers on Friday 23 April 2021. Each parent will be sent one ballot paper regardless of how many children they have at the school, and each parent will have one vote per vacancy. The ballot will be secret and you will be notified of the result as soon as possible afterwards.

In most cases, it will be obvious whether you are a parent. For the purpose of the election of a parent governor, a parent is:

Parents (including carers) of registered pupils at the school. "Parent" is defined for the purposes of the Constitution Regulations as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18". It includes a person who the child lives with or who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

Only parents of children registered at the school are entitled to stand or vote in the election. A parent who is paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in a school year or is an elected member of the Local Authority may **not stand** for election.

If you think you may be interested in joining us but would like to discuss any aspects of the role or meet with me before making a decision on whether to stand, please telephone the school and leave a message and I will get back to you.

As a school, we are committed to increasing diversity & representation among our school leaders. In addition to the above parent governor, we would also love to hear from others who may not be parents but who could offer a different perspective to our current Governing Body,

Yours faithfully

Mr Anthony Kent
Chair of Governors.