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Dear Parents,

Have you considered becoming a school governor?

The governing body of Brampton Village Primary School has one vacancy for a parent governor. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of the school, its performance and the use of resources to support learning. They help to ensure that our school provides the best education it can for children, 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 give a parent's view. 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 being part of the team and have time to commit to this role we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor. 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.

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 works for the school for 500 hours or more or a parent who is an elected member of the local authority (County Councillor) is not eligible to stand for election but they are permitted to vote. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint nominated parents to the governing body.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **Friday 19th May**. We also need a few words about the candidate and why they would like to be a governor. If you would like extra copies of the nomination forms please contact the school office.

On Friday 26th May we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations. If an election is necessary we will send ballot forms home with the children with the names of the candidates and their details. A copy of the rules guiding the election of parent governors and further copies of the nomination form can be obtained from the school office.

Being a school governor has rewards. It is good personal development, you get access to training and experience of working in a board situation. In addition you will gain an enormous sense of satisfaction in being part of a team working to improve the educational outcomes of children.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact myself or the Headteacher, Peter Allen.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Dave Freeman
Chair of Governors

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Mr Peter Allen
Head teacher

Self-Nomination Form
Election for a Parent Governor for Brampton Village Primary School



Name: _____

Child(ren) in Year(s): _____

I wish to serve as a Parent Governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a governor which I received with the nomination form and I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a School Governor.

Name of Candidate	
Signature	
Date	

Please set out why you would like to become a school governor (in not more than 200 words). You can include details or relevant experience such as involvement in the local community, experience within an educational setting or in business.

If you are elected as a governor you will need to undertake a DBS enhanced check. This measure is to ensure the safety of children.

Please return to the school office by noon on Friday 19th May.

Who is eligible to stand as a parent governor and vote in the elections?

All 'parents' may stand as parent governors, providing they are not disqualified from holding office as a governor; see the disqualification criteria below.

Parents include:

- the parents (natural or adoptive);
- 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';
- a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child - e.g. step-father, grandparents, other relatives, cohabitantes and foster parents. NB This must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.
- At a maintained nursery school a parent governor may be any parent (or carer) of a child who is making use of the service provided by the nursery.

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.