

Dear Parent or Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. We have provision for two parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

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

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work. The Governing Body is especially interested in nominees who have previous experience in accounting and finance.

Training is available for all governors and the Governing Body has an expectation that those new to being a governor at the school attend induction training, and further training as appropriate.

Overleaf is a summary of the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please arrange for a nomination form to be completed and returned to the school not later than **Friday 14th February 2020**. You may also include a short personal statement (fewer than 250 words) to support your nomination. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

The nomination form is available online at: <https://tiny.cc/ParkStreet> or paper copies are available at the school office.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the election procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Hawker,
Headteacher

Qualifications to serve as a governor as per the SGCR 2012

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

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

- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - 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 an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned 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 working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000
- is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding 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 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor
- has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- has been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school
- is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only)
- has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months