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Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy and so must hold an election. As many of you may already know, the governing body has an extremely important role: it is responsible for working strategically in partnership with the headteacher and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress. Governors individually have no power but when governors act collectively as a corporate team they are very powerful, as a corporate body not as individuals. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs special induction courses for new governors – we expect all our governors to attend this training.

Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election. You can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. I have enclosed a factsheet about becoming a governor.

Please complete the attached nomination form; all nominations should be sent into the school office by 9.00 am on Wednesday 30th September. You can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate, stating that they are willing to stand.

There will be an election if we have more than one nominee. If this is the case we will send home the ballot forms with the names of the candidates and their details on Thursday 1st October so please watch out for the letter!

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor, please get in touch with John Hepwood, Chantal Lewis and John Sharman our present parent governors.

Please think about taking on the role, or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors to make the governing body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely

Julie Parkes Bowen
School Administrator