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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are currently looking for new governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has the spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians or other people from our community. Parent Governors are elected via a parent ballot and Co-opted governors are appointed directly by the governing body.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the school's strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the Headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors

In looking to fill these vacancies we are particularly interested in applications from people with finance/budgetary experience or of premises management or experience of Early Years education. We also need governors who are able to occasionally visit the school during the day, although please do not be put off if you do not have these skills. What is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Thompson and Mrs K Kelly
(Headteacher) (Chair of Governors)