



Tackley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have one Parent Governor vacancy and are inviting nominations for this important role. If we receive more than one nomination an election will be held. 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 and support to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs special induction courses for new governors – we expect and encourage 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** (see overleaf). You can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. We also have a factsheet about becoming a governor that we can send you if you want more information. Please contact the school office by emailing office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk and this can be sent to you.

Parent governors, like all governors, will be most effective if they bring relevant skills and experience, as well as the ability to work as part of a team. We are currently seeking Governors with some experience of finance, human resources and an understanding of the interpretation and use of data. Equally important is the ability to work as part of a team and support the development of our school for the benefit of all pupils.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by Tuesday 2nd October. You can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate, stating that they are willing to stand.

If required, on 9th October we will send out ballot forms with the names of the candidates and their details home with the children so please watch out for the letter!

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor, we would be pleased to arrange a discussion for you with a member of the governing body. If you would find this helpful, please contact the school office.

Please think about taking on the role, or suggesting someone who you think could make a real contribution to the school. We need committed parent governors to make the governing body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L J Murrey
Headteacher

Mr M York
Chair of Governors

DEFINITION OF A PARENT

(The Education Act 1996: Section 576 defines “Parent” to include):

- all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

(The Education Act 1996: Section 576 (1), (3) and (4), read together with the Education Act 2002: Section 212(2), gives a definition of “parent”)

- “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 and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.



NOMINATION FORM

Election for a parent governor for Tackley CE Primary School

Name:

Address:

Children in Year(s):

I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor at Tackley CE Primary School. I confirm that I am able to fulfil the role including by attending meetings as required, and by contributing to governance work outside formal meetings.

(Please ensure that you have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a governor which you should have received with this nomination form).