



## Priory Junior School

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Dear Parents

### Priory Junior School Election of Parent Governor

The governing body of Priory Junior School have 1 parent governor vacancy. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for strategic planning and finance. They help to appoint our staff and to build good relationships between the school, 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 keep in touch with what parents are thinking. 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 the education of your child and the way the school makes decisions and have some 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 stand for election, can nominate someone 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 nominate and vote. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint nominated parents to the governing body. The term of office for a parent governor is 4 years.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. You will need a proposer and a seconder. Every nomination must be countersigned by the candidate stating that they are willing to stand. 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 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. Each parent will have 1 vote as there is 1 vacancy. The ballot is secret and you can send or post the ballot paper back in a sealed envelope to the school office. All votes must be in by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June when they will be counted. You will be notified by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June of the successful Parent Governor.

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. If you require a copy of this letter in a language other than English or in large print format please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Matthew Stevens  
Chair

