



Dear Parents/carers

24 February 2020

ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have one **vacancy for a new Parent Governor** and so must seek nominations and, if necessary, hold an election. The governing body supports the work of the school. It works strategically in partnership with the headteacher and staff to identify the most important things that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this, and ensuring progress.

Governors individually have no power, but when they act collectively as a corporate team, they have a lot of responsibility and authority. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs special induction courses for new governors – all our governors attend this training.

Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility* for a child on any part of Comper's roll at the time of the election can stand for election**. You can continue as a parent governor even if/when your child leaves the school. You can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election.

Parent governors, like all governors, will be most effective if they bring relevant skills and experience, especially the ability to work as part of a team.

All nominations should be sent in writing into the school office by Thursday 5 March. You can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate, stating that they are willing to stand.

By Thursday 12 March, if we receive more than one nomination, we will send the 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, please get in touch with one of us.

Please think about becoming a parent governor or suggesting someone else.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Warner
Headteacher

Ben Cairns
Chair of Governors