



September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Election of Parent Governor: Nominations

I am writing to let you know that we currently have a vacancy on our Local Governing Board and to ask if you would be interested in becoming a parent governor. A Role Description detailing responsibilities is available on the [Trust's website](#). Training, induction and ongoing support are provided.

Parent governors are elected by and from parents and are vital to the work of Local Governing Board. Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. Effective governors do not need expertise in education but do need to be committed to their school, willing to ask questions and ready to offer appropriate challenge and support at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. It is important to note that governors are elected to bring the experience of that individual as a member of the Local Governing Board and once elected, **parent governors are a representative of parents but not a delegate**. This means they are not expected to report back to parents on any matters relating to the school or Local Governing Board without prior consent.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can nominate themselves, stand for election and vote in the election. The term of office for a parent governor is four years.

To find out more about what being a governor at this school is like, you can contact the Trust's Governance Coordinator – governance@enrich-learning.org or 01953 686608 - who will be very willing to answer any questions.

If you would like to take the opportunity to put yourself forward as a candidate, please complete the [application form](#) and a personal statement of no more than 150 words. If it is necessary for there to be an election, your personal statement will be shared with parents, and we will contact you to let you know about the arrangements. Nominations need to be sent to office@neatherd.org by 29th September 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jaime Mallett in black ink.

Jaime Mallett
Headteacher

Handwritten signature of Alex Bucher in black ink.

Alex Bucher
Chair of Local Governing Board