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Dear Parent/Carer,

Election of Parent Governor for Dereham Neatherd High School

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.

Parent governors are elected by and from parents and are vital to the work of the 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. They should be willing to ask questions and ready to offer appropriate challenge and support at the strategic or policy-making level in the school.

Parent governors bring the experience of that individual as a member of the Local Governing Board. Once elected, parent governors are a representative of parents but not a delegate. This means they are not expected to report back to other parents on any matters relating to the school or Local Governing Board, nor to represent parents of other children with their own specific concerns.

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 being a governor at this school, you can contact Angela Durrant, the Trust's Governance Coordinator (governance@enrich-learning.org or 01953 686608). She will be very willing to answer any questions. A Role Description is available on the [Trust's website](#). Training, induction and ongoing support are provided.

If you would like to take the opportunity to put yourself forward as a candidate, please complete the [application form](#). If an election is needed, your personal statement will be shared with parents, and we will contact you to let you know about the arrangements. Applications should be sent to governance@enrich-learning.org by **Monday 27th January 2025**. We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jaime Mallett
Headteacher

Mr Alex Bucher
Chair of Local Governing Board



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