



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Dear Parent or Carer

Notice of Election of Parent Governor

I am writing to let you know that there is a parent governor vacancy on the school's Governing Body and to invite parents who would like to be considered for the role to put their names forward.

To be eligible you must have parental responsibility for/fulltime caring for, a pupil registered at the school on 1 November 2023. A person is disqualified from election as a parent governor if they are an elected member of the local authority (a Councillor) or work at the school for more than 500 hours in a consecutive period of 12 months.

Jennett's Park Primary School prides itself on providing opportunities for all pupils to achieve their full potential. Governors share the school's commitment to ensuring pupils receive the best possible education and opportunities. Parents want the best education for their children and one way to help that happen is to be a parent governor!!

The role of a governor is invaluable to a school and rewarding to the individual as they support the key functions of Governing Body including:

- providing the strategic direction for the school
- monitoring academic performance of the school
- ensuring the school budget is well spent.

So, what skills are the governing body looking for? There are no set requirements but you should be someone who embodies the school's core values, is passionate about the direction of the school, is committed to the wellbeing of the community, and is supportive of the school's ongoing development. Experience of being on a committee and understanding diverse issues would be advantageous but is **not** essential. The most important things a governor can bring to the governing body are commitment and time, and an enthusiasm and willingness to work as part of a team!

It is a voluntary position but the rewards include opportunities to gain skills you may not otherwise acquire, gaining a wider perspective on a key part of your community, and a unique opportunity to work with staff and other members of the community to support the school's future. Overall, it is an enriching experience.

Interested? Then read the criteria for disqualification (below), if eligible to stand complete the nomination form accompanying this letter. Return the form to the school in a sealed envelope marked "Returning Officer" (D Deykin) or electronically to clerk@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk by **1pm** on **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**; nominations after this date and time will not be accepted. Once received the Chair of Governors will arrange to meet with you to discuss the role further and confirm your eligibility.

Prospective nominees are advised they will be subject to a check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Please give consideration to becoming a parent governor and we wish you luck with your application!

Yours sincerely

Dawn Deykin

Returning Officer - clerk@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk



DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

You may not be a parent governor if you are:

- a registered pupil or aged under 18
- an elected member of the local authority
- paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours each year
- the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)

You are disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor if you:

- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- have been / are included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people
- are barred from any regulated activity relating to children is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
- are disqualified from working with children or from registering for child-minding or providing day care
- are disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
- have been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- have received a prison sentence of two years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- refuse a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a criminal records certificate.

In addition there are eligibility criteria for other different categories of governor.

