

Crowmarsh Gifford C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies and so must hold an election. As many of you may already know, the governing body has an extremely important role: it is responsible for working strategically in partnership with the headteacher and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress. Governors individually have no power but when governors act collectively as a corporate team they are very powerful, as a corporate body not as individuals. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs special induction courses for new governors – we expect all our governors to attend this training.

One of our current vacancies has arisen because the term of office of Mrs Laura Millbourn, our Chair of Governors, has come to an end. However Mrs Millbourn is happy to stand again for re-election. The other is for a replacement for Mrs Naomi Conlon, who has relocated with her family during the summer,

Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election. You can nominate yourself or someone else for election and can vote in the election. Please see the attached fact sheet for further information.

Parent governors, like all governors, will be most effective if they bring relevant skills and experience, such as financial expertise or experience in human resources, as well as the ability to work as part of a team.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by 9.00 am on Friday 16th September. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate, stating that they are willing to stand. Please also send in a few words about yourself and your interest in becoming a governor. The maximum you can write is 75/100 words.

On Wednesday 21st September 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! The deadline for voting will be 9.00am on Wednesday 28th September and the first governing body meeting of this school year will be held on Wednesday 28th September at 7.15 for 7.30pm. We hope that our new governors will be able to attend this meeting so if you are nominated please put the date in your diary now!

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor, please get in touch with Mrs Millbourn on 01491 834 307.

Please think about taking on the role, or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors to make the governing body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Barton
Headteacher