**We have a vacancy for parent governors. Are you interested in being a school governor and making a difference to the education of the pupils over the next few years?**

Lancasterian School Needs

YOU!

**What is a school governor?**

School governors are volunteers who help to **run** the school. Most schools work with a group of school governors - together they’re called the **'governing body**'. They’re involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline.

Governors also help to make big decisions about the school’s long-term goals. They support headteachers, but also ask questions and make sure the headteacher is taking the school in the right direction.

**Who can be a school governor?**

**Anyone over 18** can be a school governor – We have 5 **parent governors**, and it can be a rewarding way to be involved in your child’s school.

The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education**. You don’t need teaching experience, but it’s useful to bring skills from other areas of your life, such as finance, marketing, management. It can also be **time-consuming** - for example, when the school is inspected or when we decide to change or expand.

**What does the role involve?**

You’ll need to attend a governors' meeting 5 times a year. You’ll also be expected to join one or two **sub-committees** – these cover different areas like the, finance, personnel and buildings, or curriculum and pupil progress. You’ll need to be able to work well in a team, as you’ll be making **joint decisions** on policy.

As a governor you’ll probably need to work a few hours over a term- attend a full Governing Body meeting, attend a sub committee meeting, make a visit to your link area in school. Meetings take place during the **school day on Mondays from 9.30am to 12.00am**

**How do I become a school governor?**

If you’re interested in becoming a governor, talk to the current chair of governors who leads the board or the Headteacher.

Before you put yourself forward, talk to your employer. Many employers recognise the role of school governor as useful work experience and may offer paid leave for governor duties.

If you are interested please complete the nomination form below and sign the eligibility form.

The timescale for electing the new governor(s) is as follows:-

* Nominations to the Headteacher by 12.00pm on Friday 28th January 2022.
* If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, the election will be held by Friday 4th February at 12.00pm

If the number of nominations received are equal to or less than the number of vacancies, there will be no need to hold a ballot. If a ballot is necessary one voting paper per parent will be sent to you via your child.

Should you mislay this nomination paper, a further copy may be obtained from the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Fiona Worrall

Chair of Governors

#### Appointment of School Governors –

#### Nomination and Declaration of Eligibility

I wish to stand for election as a parent governor of **Lancasterian School**

Title: Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr etc ……….. Surname ……….……………………..…..

First Names ………………………………………………………………………..

Date of Birth …………………

Home Address and postcode

Telephone No - home …………………………….…

- work …………….………………….

- mobile ………………. ……..……..………

E mail ………………………………………………………………

If you are nominating another parent, please sign here and ensure that the nominee signs the declaration on the reverse.

Signature ……………………………………….

Name …………………………………………… Date …………………………..