

1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **SUBJECT: PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school, we have provision for 2 parent governors and there is currently 1 vacancy.

### **The role of the governing body**

The governing body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The governing body is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

### **The role of a parent governor**

As a parent governor, you'll work with the governing body to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a **parental perspective** to the governing body, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing body delivers effective governance

### **Expectations of governors**

You do not need any specific qualifications to be a governor. Expectations include:

- Having a keen interest in the school
- Be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work
- Attendance at after-school governor meetings (usually once a half term)
- Committed to training
- Visiting the school

Parent Governors have a four year term of office and continue to serve even if their child(ren) leaves the school during this period. Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the electronic '[Parent Governor Nomination Form and Statement in Support of Election](#)' no later than **3pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Your personal statement should support your nomination and be no longer than 250 words. If you would prefer to complete the nomination process by paper, you can do so by contacting the PA to the Headteacher, Stephanie Blood, [blood.s@risedale.org.uk](mailto:blood.s@risedale.org.uk), who will send you a paper copy.



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You should be aware that the successful candidate would be required to:

- undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check
- sign a governors' Code of Conduct
- provide details of relevant business and financial interests
- agree to the publication of some details on the school website and on the [Get Information about Schools](#) service

If there are more applications than vacancies, an election will need to be held. Should this be the case, you will be contacted again with details of how you can vote and information about the candidates standing for election.

Further information about governors and the work they do can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-maintained-schools-governance>

If you would like to know more about the role of a governor at our school please contact me via the PA to the Headteacher, Stephanie Blood, [blood.s@risedale.org.uk](mailto:blood.s@risedale.org.uk), where I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this role.

Yours faithfully,

**Colin D Scott**  
Headteacher and Returning Officer

