

September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor. We have provision for 2 parent governors and there is currently 2 vacancies. The term "parent" includes anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as "natural" parents.

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.

No special qualifications are needed however, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work including attendance at after-school governor meetings (usually once a half term). 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 is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free induction training. Please see document entitled '[Parent Governor Role Information](#)', which offers further information regarding this matter.

The document entitled '[Self Declaration Disqualification](#)' summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you are interested in this role and would like to discuss it in more detail, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Stephanie Blood by telephone: 01748 833501 ext: 202 or email: blood.s@risedale.org.uk to make an appointment to speak with a senior colleague in the school who will be happy to talk through the role with you.

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 Monday 12th October 2020. Your personal statement should support your nomination and be no longer than 250 words.



If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If this is necessary, the ballot procedure and a copy of each candidate's nomination form will be sent to all parents along with a link to an anonymous electronic ballot form.

We look forward to you joining us at this very exciting time on our journey. Progress is rising, attendance is now above national averages, exclusions are very low, there are more subjects on offer to pupils and the school has just achieved a "Good" Ofsted rating (November 2019) in its new and more challenging inspection framework! But our journey of improvement is not yet complete and we hope you can help us to get there.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Scott', written in a cursive style.

Colin D Scott

Principal