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Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians

Election of a Parent Governor to St Anne's Church of England Academy Local Governing Committee

Nominations are being sought to fill the vacancy for two parent governors to serve on the Local Governing Committee at St Anne's CE Academy for up to four years, starting with immediate effect.

Overleaf is additional information about who governors are and what they do. Please read it carefully. If you wish to serve on the Local Governing Committee as a parent representative, please contact the school's PA, Mrs Donna Shepherd for a nomination form and return it to the school no later than **Friday, 23rd September 2022**. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by two other persons entitled to vote in the election.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be arranged by the Headteacher during the period from **Monday, 26th September to Friday, 7th October 2022**.

No special qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the local governing committee's work.

If you would like more information about being a school governor, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

MR C HEYES
Headteacher

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BEING A PARENT GOVERNOR

Have you ever considered being a parent governor? Have you ever wondered how parent governors are elected and what they do? Do you wish to be involved in decisions affecting the education of children in your child's school? If so, then please read on.

CAN ANYBODY BE A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Yes, with very few exceptions. No formal qualifications are required, but you must have a child who is a registered pupil at the school at the time of the election. Being a school governor is challenging, stimulating, interesting, and, in today's rapidly changing educational world, vitally important. Spending time getting to know your child's school, informing yourself, attending meetings, is also very rewarding.

WHY DO WE NEED PARENT GOVERNORS?

Schools do not exist in isolation from their communities. They profit from the knowledge and experience which you, as parents, can offer. Schools value the constructive support, influence and information which an enthusiastic governing body can provide.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL LGC?

In line with the Regulations, all Oldham schools have to have a Local Governing Committee with a minimum size of 7 governors. Although governors' responsibilities have changed over the past few years, their basic role is to help run schools in the interest of the community they serve.

HOW CAN I BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR?

If you are a parent of a school child, you can stand in an election to become a parent governor at your child's school. You will need to contact the School's Business Manager, as outlined overleaf.

KEY ROLES OF GOVERNORS

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
- To hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- To review and approve school policies.
- To appoint nominated governors for safeguarding, H&S, careers (secondary schools only) and SEND.
- To link the school to the community it serves.

WHAT COMMITMENT DO PARENT GOVERNORS HAVE?

Normally parent governors serve on a Local Governing Committee for up to 4 years, and many continue to serve following re-appointment or re-election. Local Governing Committees have to meet at least once each term. Many governors meet more often to conduct their business, serving as members of working parties or committees.

Governors sometimes need to be available during school hours to visit the school, to talk to children and staff, and to take part in selecting staff. School governors are covered by the provisions of Section 50 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 requiring employers to grant employees reasonable (unpaid) time off for public duties. All the work is voluntary.

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS ON THE SCHOOL GOVERNING COMMITTEE?

The Local Governing Committees includes:

- 2 Parent Governors (parents with children at school, elected by other parents)
- 1 Staff Governor (teaching or support staff at the school)
- 5 Trust Appointed Governors
- Headteacher (ex-officio)

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