



2nd October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancies on the Governing Body

The Coleridge Governing Body has a vital role to play in making sure that every child receives the best possible education. Governance was judged to be 'highly effective' in the recent OFSTED inspection.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to join us on the Governing Body. Some of the issues where we are currently supporting the school through this difficult period of financial change include the grounds project, managing the budget and income generation. There are opportunities to get involved in supporting the school's work on the emotional wellbeing of children and around teaching and learning at school. The Governors work very closely with the school leaders and being a Governor allows a fascinating insight into how the school works.

We have two vacancies for **Parent Governors** which we need to fill as soon as possible. Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents and carers of children currently attending our school. It is a chance for you as a parent to have an influence over the education the school provides for all its children. Parent Governors serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the Governing Body.

Candidates must be nominated by a proposer who also has a child(ren) at the school. The nomination form is attached to this letter. Each candidate should also include a brief statement, not exceeding 100 words. If there is more than one nomination, a poll will be held in the form of a secret ballot. Voting forms will include each candidate's statement. Each parent who has a child or children in the school on the day is entitled to one vote. Voting papers should be returned to ballot boxes which are at both East and West side offices.

We will be holding drop-in information sessions in the music room at Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th October between 4-8pm where you will have the opportunity to chat to a current governor and also on Friday 20th after drop-off in the Library on East. You can also always contact me on chair@coleridgeprimary.net with any questions or to arrange a chat.

For information about our Governing Body, please see the Governor section on the school website. <http://coleridgeprimary.net/about-us/governors/general-information/>; and further reading about the role of a governor can be found here: http://www.nga.org.uk/getattachment/Be-a-Governor/What_does_a_governor_do.pdf

I do hope that you will consider joining the Governing Body and helping Coleridge to continue to be such an inspiring and creative environment of excellence in learning.

Yours sincerely

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