

June 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Election of Parent Governors to the Governing Body of High Storrs School

Would you like to be a Governor of your child's school? As you may know, a number of places are reserved for parents and High Storrs is seeking two parent governors to fill vacancies resulting from current parent governors reaching the end of their term of office.

This is an opportunity for you as a parent / carer to have an influence on the education the school provides for all its students. Governors are involved in decisions about many aspects of the school, including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances.

We have a very active, friendly and welcoming governing body. Its role is vital to the education of all our students and it is important that its composition reflects that of the full school community. We would urge you to consider standing. In case you feel a bit daunted by the responsibilities, training will be available to help you understand your role as a Parent Governor.

There is also a vital role for Parent Governors in providing a link between the school and parents. As is the case for all governors, a Parent Governor will be expected to attend all full meetings of the School Governing Body, currently between 3 and 6 each year, and also other meetings of Committees of the Governing Body. They will take an active interest in the school and the students, and help promote the parental view at meetings. Governors also make regular visits to the school to observe various aspects of school life.

- All parents and guardians of students at the school are eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor.
- If there are more nominations than vacancies an election is held. The election will be organised by the Headteacher and every parent or carer of a pupil in the school will receive a voting paper and will have the opportunity to vote.
- In the case of an election the detailed arrangements and a list of parents standing for election will be sent to you by the Headteacher.
- The term of office is 4 years. A parent governor may stand for further terms of office.
- If you wish to stand for election you may nominate yourself as a candidate. No proposer or seconder is required but you must signify your intention to stand in writing to the school by **Noon on Wednesday 4 July 2018**. It would also be helpful if you would provide a short personal statement with your nomination to circulate to parents in the case of an election. Please contact the school if you need help with this.

Please note that there are certain restrictions which prevent a person from standing for election as a Parent Governor.

"People who are bankrupt may not serve as Governors, nor may people who have, in the previous five years, been sentenced to three months or more in prison without the option of a fine, people who have been sentenced to a period of two and a half years of imprisonment may not stand within twenty years of the conviction and anyone who has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of five years or more is totally disqualified".

Should you have any questions about any aspect of parental elections, nominations or appointments or the responsibilities and duties of a parent governor, do not hesitate to contact the school, or you may wish to telephone the School Governor Support Team at the Moorfoot Building (telephone 01142506887 or 01142506868).

If you are interested in becoming involved and would like to find out more, please feel free to contact me at school on 0114 2670000.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher