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Dear Parents

Exciting opportunity to join Wheatfields Governors – Two Parent Vacancies

Have you got a child or children currently benefitting from the great education they receive at Wheatfields? Have you ever wondered if there is anything more you could do to help this good school continue its journey to being recognised as outstanding? Are you a team player and want to be part of a friendly group of governors striving to support the school, its pupils, parents and the community it serves?

If you have answered 'yes' to the above, then we would love to hear from you.

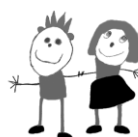
Due to a reorganisation of the current governing body, we are delighted to share that we have two parent governor vacancies on our team.

As stated in the **attached leaflet** from Luton, parent governors indeed play a vital role on a governing body. Your unique position of seeing the school, its curriculum and its teaching and learning through the eyes of your child/children offers an essential insight to help the Governing Body in its roles of providing strategic planning and direction, ensuring the school continues to improve and overseeing the school finances. Wheatfields Governing Body has been well served by parent governors in the past and will continue to do so into the future.

Aside from the attached information leaflet, it is important to stress that governors come in all shapes and sizes, with a broad and varied range of personal and professional experiences. Please do visit the Wheatfields website to see the short biographies of the current governing body and also feel free to contact any of us for a chat if you wish to delve deeper into why we joined and what the role entails; 100% honesty guaranteed!

There is a 'formal' process involved and this is outlined below but please do not hesitate to ask if you are interested and need any further information or guidance. We want the most enthusiastic and dedicated members of the parent community to join our team and are happy to advise on any part of the application/selection procedure.

- **Nominations* and 200 word personal statement to be sent to the school office by Monday 30th September** (see attached proforma)
- **All parents informed of nominations by Wednesday 2nd October**
- **If an election is necessary we will send ballot forms home with the children with the names of the candidates and their details. Each parent will have two votes as there are two vacancies.** (Details of this part of the process will be sent out if an election is necessary but can be obtained from the school office if required in advance)



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* Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can self-nominate, stand for election and can vote in the election.

A copy of the rules guiding the election of parent governors and further copies of the nomination form can be obtained from the school office. If you require a copy of this letter in a language other than English or in large print format please contact the school.

Finally, on behalf of all of the governing body at Wheatfields we thank you for reading this and hopefully, taking the time to consider joining the team. We are really looking forward to hearing from you!

All good things,

Mrs Theresa Thornton
Head Teacher

Mrs Lisa Ling & Mr Andy Moffat
Co Chairs of Governors

