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Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

As mentioned in the newsletter, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and so will be holding an election this term. As many of you may already know, the governing body has an extremely important role: it is responsible for working strategically in partnership with the headteacher and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress. Governors individually have no power but when governors act collectively as a corporate team they are very powerful, as a corporate body not as individuals. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Oxfordshire Governor Services runs special induction courses for new governors – we expect all our governors to attend this training.

Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election**. You can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election.

Parent governors, like all governors, will be most effective if they bring relevant skills and experience. Financial, project management, health and safety or human resources skills are amongst the things you may be able to bring. However, we are keen to encourage applications from anyone who has the commitment and enthusiasm to support the school. Governors must have the ability to work as part of a team.

Amongst our current priorities are addressing the impact of COVID and the time spent out of school on our pupils, developing the curriculum, building wider links with the community and ensuring the financial sustainability of the school.

As a governor you would become a Director of St Johns Academy Trust.

Nominations should include a short paragraph about your experience, what you would have to offer and what interests you about becoming a governor at St John's School. This will be circulated to all parents as part of the election process.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by midday on Friday 3rd December. You can nominate yourself. Every nomination must be signed by the candidate, stating that they are willing to stand.

Once we have received the nominations, we will send more information regarding how to vote along with the names of the candidates and their pen portraits.

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor, please contact the school office and we would be happy to put you in touch with an existing governor.



Please think about taking on the role or suggesting someone who will do it well. We need committed parent governors to make the governing body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky Hughes Chris Shipway and Nick Oliver
Headteacher Co-Chairs of Governors

** Parents who work at the school for 500 hours or more in any twelve month period – in practice this means any parent who is paid to work more than 12.5 hours per week at the school - are not eligible to be parent governors but they are eligible to vote in parent governor elections.