Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents,

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF STOCKSBRIDGE NURSERY INFANT SCHOOL

RECRUITMENT OF CO-OPTED GOVERNOR TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF STOCKSBRIDGE NURSERY INFANT SCHOOL

We have a vacancies for 3 parents to act as a governor for 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. Governors have a say over what is taught in the school, over staffing and the school's finances.

We also have vacancies on our body for a co-opted governor. If you have experience, expertise, skill or enthusiasm in finance, HR or education and are interested in becoming a school governor then please get in touch.

Governors, whether parent, staff or co-opted have a vital role to play in the education of our Stocksbridge children and those of Sheffield. We would urge you to consider standing. In case you feel a bit daunted by the responsibilities, training is available via Learn Sheffield to help you understand your role as a governor.

Parent Governors take an active interest in the school and the children and help promote the parental view at meetings of the school Governing Body. Co-opted Governors bring their wider skill set to meetings and offer a broader perspective.

Governors will be expected to attend three meetings of the full Governing Body each year. We also have a resources committee which meets termly and others which meet when need arises. Our meetings usually take place from 5.30pm and last up to two hours.

Parent Governors:

- All parents and guardians of children 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 of the school and every parent of a pupil in the school will have the opportunity to vote.

- Voting will be organised using Survey Monkey.

- The detailed arrangements and a list of parents standing for election will be sent to you by me.

- The term of office is 4 years.

  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/email to Mrs Jane Townsend by Friday 27th September.
  It would be helpful if you would provide a short personal statement with your nomination to circulate to parents should an election be necessary.

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs J Townsend | Safeguarding Officer: Miss C Redgate | SENCO/Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mr R Barker

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Co-opted Governors:

- Please send through a short personal statement. These will be forwarded to members of the Governing Body for consideration at the next meeting. Please note, elections are not held for co-opted Governors.

There are certain restrictions which prevent a person from standing for election as a Governor.

No person, apart from an ex-officio Governor or someone appointed to a failing school, which needs special measures, may be a member of more than two Governing Boards. 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 more than two and a half years imprisonment may not stand within twenty years of that conviction and anyone who has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of five years or more is totally disqualified.

If you would like to know more about the role, our current governors are: Joanne Wilkinson, Eric Wright, Sara Bailey, Gemma Garnham and Sarah Briggs and Matt Collins. If you would like us to put you in touch with one please let us know and we will arrange it for you.

Yours sincerely

Jane Townsend
Headteacher

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