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Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

In our School we have two main types of Governor: Co-opted Governors, who are members of our local community, who have special expertise which is beneficial to the School, and Parent Governors. We currently have 2 Parent Governor Vacancies. I am therefore writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or nominate another parent to do so.

The Governing body, with the Head teacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Head teacher to account for the school and pupil's educational performance;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work. Our meetings are usually held in the evenings but there is also the need for you to pro-actively attend school for Governor learning walks and to join school celebrations and events. We welcome parents from different work backgrounds – in fact a number of our Co-opted and Parent Governors do not work in the education sector, which brings great diversity. In particular we are looking for parents who feel they can bring the local views of parents to our Governing Body and are able to visit the School on weekdays as and when required. Our Governing Body has an expectation that those new to Governance will attend the free induction training as well as ongoing training. More information about being a school governor can be found on <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-governors>.

Our Chair of Governors, Frank Paines, will be happy to speak informally with anyone who may be interested in becoming a Parent Governor. This will help with understanding what is involved. Please email the clerk, Clare Fox (clare.fox@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk) to arrange this.

The enclosed sheet lists the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment at the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and provide a short personal statement (no more than 250 words) to support your nomination. These should be emailed to clare.fox@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk no later than midday on Monday 2nd November 2020. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by virtual ballot. If that is necessary, details will be sent to all parents via School Communication.

Yours faithfully

Clare Fox
Clerk to the Governors



Election of Parent Governors: Mudeford Infants School

I wish to serve as a parent governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary.

I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a school governor. I enclose a brief statement about myself for circulation to voters and confirm that this is a true and accurate statement.

Full name:

Name of Child(ren) in the school and class:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Signed (typed will be permissible via email): _____

Date: _____

This form should be returned to the Clerk via email (clare.fox@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk).

Qualifications and Disqualifications to Serve as a School Governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his / her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- Is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- Has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- Is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- Has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- Is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- Is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- Is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- Is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
- Is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- Has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- Has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- Has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- Has been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- Is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- Is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only);
- Has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 1138 of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- Has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months