



Wednesday 11th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

As P Steele has come to the end of his term of office, there is a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. If there are no or insufficient nominations, the Governing Body may co-opt a parent of a child at school or a parent of school age children. An elected parent governor is appointed for a four year term and may serve out their term of office if their child leaves school, but may not stand for re-election in that category.

Parent Governors are elected by and from parents of registered pupils at Grimoldby Primary School, and at the time of election must be a parent of a child at the school. Definition of a parent - Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" to include: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has *parental responsibility* for a child or young person; and any person who, although not a natural parent, *has care* of a child or young person.

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you would like to stand for election please arrange for the attached nomination form to be completed and returned to the school not later than **Friday 20th September**. Please note that only parents of pupils currently registered at Grimoldby Primary School may propose or second a nomination. A ballot will only take place where more candidates apply than there are places available. In this case candidates will be required to supply a short (50 words maximum) personal statement to be circulated to voters. Elections will be by secret ballot.

Candidates should be aware of certain disqualification clauses relating to bankruptcy and criminal convictions. If you are in any doubt of your eligibility to stand please contact the returning officer. Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an identity check.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to Governors, Georgia Brown, by email Georgia.brown@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Brown
Returning Officer

Grimoldby Primary School Governing Body