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April 16th, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Parent Governor Election – Request for Nomination

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor to serve on our school's governing body. We are keen to encourage parents to consider taking on this role.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed yourself, you may want to know more about what is involved. The role of a parent governor and the rules governing your eligibility to stand for election are printed overleaf; you may also contact the Headteacher to discuss the role in more detail.

Nominations are invited from parents for this vacant position and I enclose a nomination form which has been prepared for this purpose. If you wish to nominate any parent, or be nominated yourself, you should arrange for the form to be fully completed and returned to me by no later than **3.15 p.m. on Friday April 23rd, 2021.** Nominations received after this date and time will be invalid. A nominee must state on the form his/her willingness to stand for election. Candidates are encouraged to submit a brief personal statement (not more than 100 words).

If there are more nominations than vacancies, then a ballot will be held. Ballot papers will be despatched on **Monday April 26th, 2021** and must be returned by **3.15 p.m. on Tuesday May 4th, 2021** at the latest. Ballot papers received after the closing date will not be counted. Ballot papers will be counted **on Thursday May 6th, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.**

The term of office of a parent governor is four years from the date of appointment. A parent governor is not disqualified from continuing in office should his or her child leave the school before the end of the four year period.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones

Headteacher

The Role of a School Governor

There are approximately 22,200 school governors in Wales. They give their time, skills and expertise in a voluntary capacity, to help their schools provide children with the best possible education.

Governing bodies are accountable for the strategic direction of their school and for the quality of education provided.

Why become a Governor?

- To make an important contribution to education by supporting the school community, its staff and pupils and helping to raise standards of education
- To experience rewarding and challenging opportunities
- To help to develop your existing skills and also learn new ones
- To meet and work with new people
- To gain awareness of the education system

A Governor is a volunteer who:

- has an interest in education;
- represents those with a key interest in the school;
- is part of a team which accepts responsibility for everything a school does;
- has time to commit to meetings and other occasions;
- is willing to learn;
- is able to act as a critical friend who supports the school but also challenges and asks questions about how the school works and the standards it achieves;
- acts as a link between parents, the local community, the Local Authority and the school.

Three Key Roles of the Governing Body

1 - Provide a strategic view
2 - Act as a critical friend
3 - Ensure accountability

Support and Training

For governors to carry out their responsibilities effectively and to a high standard they need to be trained appropriately. A new governor must attend Governor Induction and Understanding School Data training within 12 months of being appointed.

A commitment to governor development is an important aspect of being an effective governing body but training does not just stop at the induction stage. There are a number of additional training courses available, provided by Local Authorities, to assist all governors to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively govern their school.

ELIGIBILITY

Definition of an elected parent governor:
An elected parent governor is defined as "**a person who is elected as a member of the governing body of a school by parents of registered pupils at the school and who is himself/herself such a parent at the time he/she is elected"**. Parent governors shall hold office for a term of four years, subject to resignation or disqualification. In some circumstance a child or young person may have more than two 'parents' or people with parental responsibility and they all have the right to stand as governors, or to vote, examples are long-term foster parents, legal guardians and residence orders.

Disqualification - applicable to all Governors:

A person is disqualified from being a school governor if:

1. that person would, at the date of appointment, be a member of the governing bodies of more than two schools.
2. that person refuses a request by the Governing Body to apply for a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.
3. that person has been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration of his estate has been awarded and (in either case) he/she has not been discharged and the bankruptcy order has not been annulled or rescinded. That person has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it.
4. that person has been disqualified from serving as a Company Director or has an order made under Section 429 (2) (b) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
5. that person has been removed from the office of trustee for a Charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the Charity.
6. that person is liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.
   (a) (i) that person has within the previous 5 years been convicted of any offence and has received a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of 3 months or more without the option of a fine; or
   (ii) that person has within the previous 20 years has been convicted of any offence and has received a prison sentence for a period of more than 2 ½ years: or
   (iii) that person has at any time been convicted of any offence and has received a prison sentence of 5 years or more.
   (b) that person has within the previous 5 years been convicted under Section 547 Education Act 1996 (nuisance and disturbance on educational premises) which took place on the premises of a school and has been sentenced to a fine.
7. that person is a governor who has remained suspended from office by virtue of regulation 4 or 5 of the Government of Maintained Schools (Training Requirements for Governors) (Wales) Regulations 2013 for a continuous period of six months or who has already been disqualified for failure to attend required training until he has completed that training.

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NOMINATION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

I WISH TO NOMINATE: _____
as a Parent Governor of Ysgol I.D. Hooson.

Proposer's Signature:_____

Address:_____

Parent of: _____ Year: _____

Seconder's Signature: :_____

Address:_____

Parent of: _____ Year: _____

CONSENT OF NOMINEE

I _____

being the Parent of:_____ Year _____
accept the nomination.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

SELF NOMINATION

I _____

being the Parent of: _____ Year _____
wish to nominate myself.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

A brief personal statement is
*enclosed / being sent separately by the closing date
(*delete as appropriate)

NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY: 3.15 p.m. on Friday April 23rd, 2021

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE AND POSTED IN THE LABELLED BOX LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL'S MAIN RECEPTION AREA