



# FERN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Our school's governing body has two members elected from amongst the parents. Our serving parent governor comes to the end of his four-year term at the end of the summer. We are organising elections to fill the vacancy during the first half of the summer term in time for the new member to be in place for the autumn cycle of meetings, commencing officially in October. The clerk to the governors will send details of the election procedure via Parentmail in mid-April. At the same time, she will invite nominations from those wishing to stand as candidates.

I am writing to you now to give you time to consider whether you would like to become a governor of our school. Although it is a responsible and often demanding role, it is also rewarding and provides an opportunity to shape the strategic direction the school takes into the future.

Since 2012, the government has placed particular emphasis on the skills and experiences governing bodies need to be effective. The statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education in 2017 says:

*Experience has shown that all governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn. They need good inter-personal skills, appropriate levels of literacy in English and sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.*

At Fern Hill, we would particularly welcome interest from parents who have a background in or good understanding of the education system in general. New governors with experience of data analysis and evaluation would also strengthen our team. But a willingness to learn and to have the time to take on tasks that contribute to the work of the governing body will be the most valuable attributes parents can bring to this role.

If you have any specific questions, please send them via the clerk to [flee@fernhill.rbksch.org](mailto:flee@fernhill.rbksch.org) and I will do my best to answer fully.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Vivian  
Chair of Governors

*We are passionate about developing the whole child and instilling an enduring love of learning*



Inspiration

Collaboration

Empathy

Excellence