



'Enabling every child to fulfil his/her potential in a nurturing Christian environment.'

Monday 14th December 2020

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION(S)

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now able to begin the process of establishing a new Governing Body for Utkinton and would like to invite parents and carers to represent the community as Parent Governors on our new board. As an Academy there are some areas of school that are provided by the CDAT Board, but the general day to day management is led by the Headteacher and a Local Governing Body. The role of Parent Governor would require someone who currently has a pupil in the school and has a commitment to shaping and supporting the growth and development of Utkinton.

This is a voluntary role of public service and most employers support school governors with release from work should it be needed. The Local Governing Body would meet half termly and documentation is circulated in advance so that Governors can provide support and challenge to the school. Governors are often described as "critical friends"; their role being "critical" to school development and statutory duties as well as providing a "critical" constructive response from the perspective of parents.

A Parent Governor represents the whole parent body and is a voice in school leadership. The elected candidate must act with integrity and confidentiality at all times to maintain the trusting relationship with families and school that this role involves. In return being a Parent Governor is an exciting opportunity to become involved in shaping the future of our lovely school and the level of responsibility is widely recognised in communities and by employers. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years; training is available for governors and involvement in such training is expected of all members of the Local Board.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, we can arrange a phone call with you to discuss the role further. We would then request that parents complete a short statement that can be circulated to all families to enable them to vote for their preferred candidate. A ballot is then taken and counted and the elected candidate will join the new Governing Body in the spring term.

Planned Schedule for Election of Governors:

- w/c 14th December - Expression of interest registered with school admin
- w/c 4th January - Amanda Donelan / Lorna Pleavin to speak with interested candidates
- Friday 8th January - Candidates submit their statement to school admin by 5pm
- Monday 11th January - Ballot papers & statements sent out to families
- Friday 15th January - Votes returned to school by 9.30am & counted at 12 noon
- Candidates contacted with result and families notified by school newsletter

Yours sincerely

Lorna Pleavin & Amanda Donelan