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Headteacher: Miss A Williams

6 September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer.

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for two parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

The governing body, with the headteacher, 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 headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- 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. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free induction training.

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

If you are a parent or carer of a child at the school, and would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than 4 pm Tuesday 20th September 2016. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent. Each person nominated must be proposed/seconded by parents/carers who have a child at the school. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. The statement should only include biographical information, your reasons for wanting to be a parent governor and the contribution you believe you can make to the governing body.

The nomination form, personal statement form and the rules on qualification and disqualification are enclosed. If required, further copies are available from the school.











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If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure and copies of the personal statements.

I do hope you will consider either standing as a governor or nominating another parent/carer. If you would like more information about being a school governor, please contact the school and one of the existing governors will contact you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Brian Sharp Chair of Governors

A. Williams











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## **NOMINATION FORM - PARENT GOVERNOR ON GOVERNING BODY**

| PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS EXCEPT FOR SIGNATURE  Name of Candidate  |
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| Address of Candidate   |
| Tel:   |
| Year Group(s) of Child(ren) in School  |
| I hereby declare that I am prepared to (i) offer myself as a candidate for election as parent governor on the Governing Body of Ladymount School and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any reason. |
| Signed: Date   |
| Name of Proposer   |
| Address of Proposer  |
| Year Group(s) of Child(ren) in School  |
| Signed:  |
| Name of Seconder   |
| Address of Seconder  |
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| Year Group(s) of Child(ren) in School  |
| Signed:  |

This form must be returned to school by 4.00 p.m. on 20th September 2016.











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Candidates are invited to submit a statement on their background and interests together with this nomination form, to be sent out as part of any election process. The statement should only include biographical information, your reasons for wanting to be a parent governor and the contribution you believe you can make to the governing body.

| Personal Statement (maximum 250 words) |  |  |
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## 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 Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
  - 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 or young people;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 (or any other disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction);
- is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A od the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- is disqualified from working with children registering for child minding or providing day care;











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- is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;
- is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education Skills Act 2008;
- is barred from regulated activity relating to children (including in accordance with section 3
   (2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006)
- 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 2 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 fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises 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 the Disclosure and Barring Scheme for a criminal records check;
- 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.







