

Ide Primary School

Knowing Children as Individuals



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Dear Parent or Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role. The governing body works together as a group, meeting once a month during term time. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and pupil and staff welfare and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us support the school..

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. Those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years. For further information about the role you can visit the governors section of the school website. Here you will find more detail about what the role involves, a Who's Who of existing governors and their roles and most importantly, the time commitment needed to carry out the role. You can also contact the school office via email on admin@ide.devon.sch.uk or by telephone 01392 259964 if you would like to arrange to meet me, Ann Boyce, Chair of Governors to talk through any questions you might have.

If you would like to stand for election please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return to the school office no later than 12 noon on 2nd March 2018. If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for if an election is required. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election. An election, by secret ballot, will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. If an election is needed details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school or pre-school on the day that nominations close. The enclosed sheet summarises the disqualification criteria to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason. Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

Yours sincerely

Ann Boyce
Chair of Governors



Disqualification criteria

A person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- fails to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restriction order, a debt relief order or an interim debt relief order;
- has had his or her estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- is subject to:
 - I. a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
 - II. a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
 - III. a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - IV. 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 the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body;
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding 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 three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of two-and-a-half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuses to allow an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a DBS check.

