



Peace, Love, Service - a Church of England School
Little Thetford C of E Primary School
Green Hill
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Headteacher: Mr J Wallace

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Little Thetford CE Primary School Election of Parent Governors

The governing body of **Little Thetford CE Primary School** has **2** parent governor vacancies. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of the school, its performance and the use of resources to support learning. They help to ensure that our school provides the best education it can for children, parents and our local community. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body and we rely on them to help us to give a parent's view. They are on the governing body as representative parents, but they are not delegates and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice and training are available from various sources. However, the governing body is particularly seeking parents with knowledge/skills/experience in education with a particular interest in curriculum development would be a really benefit to the board at this time. However, please don't be put off nominating yourself if you have other skills as the governing body are a diverse range of people with a varied skills set and any new governor will bring new skills to the governing body and enhance the capacity of the board in fulfilling its statutory duties.

The school is in an exciting place having just had a successful Ofsted inspection (July 2021) and is now in a position to really move forward as we continue to make the school the best it can be and develop a broad and balanced curriculum which all of our children deserve.

If you are interested in being part of the team and have time to commit to this role we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor. If you would like more information please contact the school and we can put you in touch with a member of our governing body for an informal chat.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can self-nominate, stand for election and can vote in the election. A parent who works for the school for 500 hours or more or a parent who is an elected member of the local authority is not eligible to stand for election but they are permitted to vote. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint nominated parents to the governing body. The term of office for a parent governor is **4** years.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **Friday 24th September**. We also need candidates to provide a written statement of not more than 200 words outlining why they would like to be a governor, and what knowledge/skills/experience they can bring to the governing body. If you would like extra copies of the nomination form please contact the school office.

On **Monday 27th September** we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations. If an election is necessary, we will send ballot forms home with the children with the names of the candidates and their details. Each parent will have **2** votes as there are **2** vacancies. The ballot is secret and will be held electronically votes having to be in by **Monday 4th October** when they will be counted.

A copy of the rules guiding the election of parent governors and further copies of the nomination form can be obtained from the school office. If you require a copy of this letter in a language other than English or in large print format please contact the school.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher



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Self-Nomination Form

Election for a Parent Governor for *Little Thetford CE Primary School*

Name:

Child(ren) in Year(s):

I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor at Little Thetford CE Primary School.

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| Name of Candidate: | |
| Signature: | |

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