



Important Information re Parent Governor Election for Governing Body of Holly Lodge Primary School

We are seeking nominations for parents to stand for election as a parent governor of Holly Lodge Primary School. Parent governors are elected as directed by Schedule 1, Regulation 6 of The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012. Nominations for parent governor vacancies are made by parents/carers of pupils registered at the school. Should there be more nominations than vacancies a secret ballot will be held. Parents/carers of registered pupils attending the school may offer themselves for election. Parent governors can serve for a term of up to four years irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school.

Parents are invited to submit nominations to the head teacher using the enclosed nomination forms. Each person must be proposed and seconded by parents of registered pupils presently attending the school and the nominee must also be a parent and signify his or her willingness to stand for appointment or election.

The governing body has a vital role to play and relies on a team approach with each individual contributing a range of skills and experience. We would particularly like to elect a parent governor with expertise in finance.

Please note - a person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they are an elected member of the LA or if they work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).

The nomination form must be returned by 12 noon on 10 February 2017. No nomination will be accepted after that date/time. Those nominated to stand for election may enclose with their nomination forms a short personal statement about themselves, of **not more than 100 words**. Statements will be circulated to parents should a ballot prove necessary. If the number of nominations received is less than the number of vacancies, all those nominated will be appointed without a ballot. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies a secret ballot will be held and candidates may request an opportunity to address a meeting of parents if they wish.

The timetable for the election of Parent Governor(s) is set out below.

30 January 2017	Parents' letter with nomination forms sent home via pupil post.
10 February 2017	Last day/time for returning nominations.
21 February 2017	Ballot paper sent to parents (<i>and notification of date of the candidates' meeting if appropriate</i>).
27 February 2017	Date of count of ballot papers.

Nominations must be submitted to Mr S Meakin by 12 noon on 10 February 2017.

Yours sincerely

Head Teacher/Returning Officer