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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parent

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

I am writing to you to inform you about an election of Parent Governors. The Governing Body, when it is complete, comprises 14 Governors of which 3 will be elected by the parents. There is currently 1 Parent Governor vacancy within school as one of our Parent Governors, Dr Kate Mackay-Roberts is changing role to become a Foundation Governor. Parent Governors will serve for four years, unless they resign during their term of office. They can continue in office even when their children have left the school in order to complete their term.

The Governing Body also comprises

- 3 Foundation Governors (appointed by St Barnabas Parochial Church Council)
- 1 LA Governors (nominated by the City of York Council)
- 1 Staff Governor (appointed by staff)
- 5 Co-opted Governors (appointed by the Governing Board)
- The Headteacher

What do governors do?

School Governors are responsible for strategic leadership and accountability within schools. In practise this means that governing bodies are responsible for such things as setting school policies and ensuring they are adhered to; setting and monitoring the school budget; monitoring the progress that the school is making and setting targets for school improvement. Governors are not involved in the operational running of the school. The daily management of the school is the responsibility of the headteacher.

Do Parent Governors have special responsibilities?

No, Parent Governors do not have extra duties. Governors work as a team, with shared responsibilities. The Parent Governors speak as parents: they can't speak for all parents.

How are Parent Governors appointed?

We take the term 'parent' to include anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as 'natural' parents.

If we receive more nominations than there are places to fill, there will be a secret ballot and I will send ballot forms (1 per parent irrespective of the number of children you have) and

envelopes for their return to each home by hand of the children. The form explains how votes may be cast.

If the number of nominations we receive is the same as the number of places to be filled, then those people will be declared appointed. If there are fewer, they will be declared appointed and the Governing Board will be responsible for filling any vacancies by inviting a parent of a child at the school to become a Parent Governor.

Parent Governors must be people who have children at the school when they are elected. Applicants should also have a strong belief in continually improving the quality of education of children at school and have the time to commit to attend training and governing body meetings. If you decide you wish to stand for election please contact the office for a nomination form. It is then necessary to get two parents at the school to propose and second your nomination.

If you are not able to stand for election, you may know of someone who is and parents with children at the school can nominate another parent for election. You can obtain a nomination form from the school office and, having signed it yourself, obtain the signatures of the seconder and of the person you are nominating. You can nominate as many parents as there are seats to fill but you need a nomination form for each.

The rules for the election are written down in Regulations made by the LA, and these can be inspected at the school.

Result of the Election

The names of those elected will be displayed at the school for 21 days and will be included in the next edition of the school newsletter.

If you would like to have a chat with me or one of our current Governors to find out more about the role, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Miss K Boardman
Headteacher

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2017.
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A NOMINATION FORM.**