**The Governing Body Is Looking To Recruit**

 **Parent Governors**

**Governors:** All governors are volunteers. Governors do not need to be experts in education. The most effective governors listen, think and ask questions. The Governing Body works as a team and exercises its authority collectively.

**Parent Governors:** Parent governors are representative parents rather than representatives **of** parents. They play a vital role on the Governing Body, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school.

**Being a governor can be very rewarding because you are:**

* Investing in the next generation
* Using your personal qualities and expertise to help the school, pupils and staff
* Developing new skills and acquiring new knowledge
* Developing a sense of partnership and involvement in the community.

**Time commitment:** On average 6-8 hours per month will allow any governor to prepare for and attend Governing Body meetings, make visits and undertake training. There are five meetings per year and they take place on Thursdays starting at 4.30pm. You will also be asked to serve on one of the Governing Body committees which also meet on Thursdays.

**As a parent governor you would be expected to:**

* Believe that education is important and an enthusiasm about the work of the school
* Work with others, be open minded and fair, and respect the need for confidentiality
* Participate in discussion and decision-making and a willingness to learn and to raise questions
* Be prepared to give time and being prepared to participate in the life of the school
* Be prepared to take hard decisions in the interests of pupils
* Be prepared to work to build a dedicated team

**Skills and Experience:** We are particularly seeking individuals who have the skills and experience relevant to these two core duties of the Governing Body:

* Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
* Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

**Use of technology:** Much of the business of the Governing Body is now conducted electronically. It is, therefore, necessary for all the school’s governors to be willing and able to retrieve and send information by this means on a regular basis.

**Parent Governor Nomination Form**

If you are interested on being a parent governor please complete this form along with a personal statement (no longer than 100 words). Please send the form and your statement to our Clerk to Governors, Imogen (Imogen.lemon@welton-st-marys.lincs.sch.uk) **no later than Friday 9 July.** Imogen is also happy to answer any questions pertaining to these vacancies.

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| Forename: |
| Surname: |
| Class of youngest child in school: |
| Home address:  |
| Phone number: |
| Mobile: |
| Email: |
| Signature: Date: |

**PROPOSED BY** If you are nominating someone else, please check that they are willing to stand.

 No need to complete is proposing self.

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| Forename: |
| Surname: |
| Class of youngest child in school: |
| Signature: Date: |

In the event where we receive more than one nomination all parents will be sent ballot papers and details about the candidates standing. The results of such an election will advised to all parents.