



## CUMBRIA EDUCATION SERVICE

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Dear Parents,

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

One of our parent governors Mr Dominic O'Reilly has recently resigned from the post, we would like to thank him for his support and guidance over the years. We are therefore seeking to appoint a new parent governor

The role of governor is very valued within the school and draws on a wide range of skills from the community, although the main requisites are common sense and willingness to give time. We do realise that it is not always an easy task, but I'm sure our governors would be happy to tell you it is a rewarding one.

### **THE ELECTION PROCEDURE**

If you are interested in joining our governing body please send me a letter of nomination countersigned by at least two sponsors, who should be parents of children currently at school. THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS BY THE SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019.

If the school receives more nominations than places, then an election by secret ballot will be held to allow parents to decide who they would like to appoint. Should an election be necessary, it will be held as soon as possible. Each parent\* of a child who is a pupil at the school at the time of the election, will be entitled to vote. Following an election, parents will be told by letter the name, address and telephone number of the successful candidate. In the event of it being necessary to hold an election, the Head of the School will issue all parents with further details concerning the way in which the ballot (which will be entirely secret and as foolproof as possible) is to be organised and supply the official ballot papers.

### **CANDIDATES' PREPARATION FOR AN ELECTION**

Candidates will be given the opportunity to write a short statement, which will be circulated to all parents of the school. Should candidates wish to seek support in any other way, this will be entirely their own responsibility.

### **TERM OF OFFICE OF PARENT GOVERNORS**

An elected parent governor will hold office for a period of four years.

### **PARENTS' PARTICIPATION**

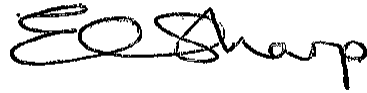
I feel that it is very important for the efficiency and effectiveness of schools that parents should be encouraged to have an active involvement in their children's education. Consequently, I would urge all parents to participate and take an interest in the election process whether as candidates or voters. In this way all parents can have an effective voice concerning the running of their children's school and have a proper vehicle for the expression of their views regarding school policies.

### **SCHOOL GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL**

All new governors will be subject to clearance by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

If you would like further information then please contact the school office or talk to any of our current governors, details from school, or visit the website [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Sharp'.

Mrs E Sharp,  
Headteacher.

**\*DEFINITION OF “PARENT”**

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines “parent” to include:

- all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has *parental responsibility* for a child or young person.
- any person who, although not a natural parent, *has care* of a child or young person.