



5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION AT THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL**

I am writing to let you know that there is a vacancy for one parent governor at our school and to invite you to stand for election or to nominate another parent to do so.

The governing body, along with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three main roles:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;  
and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing board is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We are confident that there are parents prepared to volunteer to take on this key role and give their time and commitment to help us continue to develop and improve the school's performance.

Governors need a strong commitment to the role, the curiosity to question and analyse and the willingness to learn. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills: Education, Strategic leadership, Healthcare and Finance.

Our parent governors have a term of office of 4 years. Our governing body usually meets 4 times a year and the meetings are a combination of face to face and remote.

Governors are occasionally required to visit the school during the day for monitoring visits and are encouraged to support school events, where possible.

If you would like to stand for election or wish to nominate someone else, please complete the form by following the link provided in the email.

When nominating yourself or someone else for the role of parent governor, you are nominating the person you believe has the skills and commitment to undertake the role. You are also nominating someone you trust to represent the views of parents when working with other governors and the headteacher, to promote high standards and strategically develop the school. The parent governor's role is not to represent individual parents' views or to report back directly to parents.

Nomination forms must be completed by the end of the school day on Wednesday 26 October 2022. If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will hold a ballot the following week and all parents will be sent a voting paper.

If you would like further information on your eligibility to serve as a parent governor or on the role of a governor, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Grainge  
**Associate Principal**