November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing board.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role but, just a commitment and enthusiasm for this.

The core functions of the governing board are:

* Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
* Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the

organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.

* Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its

 money is well spent.

The term of office for all governors is four years.

At Bridlington School we always aim for positive and purposeful partnerships with parents, which undoubtedly bring important benefits to the students. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The governing board’s main tasks are to support the school, ensure that all students receive a high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

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.

Governors currently meet as a full governing board 3 times a year and meetings usually start at 4.00 pm and are finished around 6.00 pm. All meetings are held at the school. If needed, additional meetings will be planned if there are extraordinary circumstances and seven days’ notice will be given. We also have a Finance and Resources Committee and a Personnel Committee that meet every term. All governors are invited to join the committees that their skills and experience match with, or they have a particular interest in.

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

We offer new governors a comprehensive and supportive induction, and each new governor is assigned a mentor. Full training for the role is also available.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, self-nomination is acceptable – see attached form, which will need to be submitted to the Clerk by 9am on 15th December 2023.

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.

Should you have any questions about the role please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, Ms Amy Orley on orleya@bridlingtonschool.org.uk

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held and all parents will be sent a voting paper alongside the biographical details submitted to assist in voting.

Yours sincerely



**Dr W Grundy**

**Chair of Governors**