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Primary & Nursery School

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**Dear Parent/Carer**

### **PARENT LOCAL GOVERNOR ELECTION**

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a local parent governor. In our school we have provision for 2 local Parent Governors and there are currently 2 vacancies.

The role of a Local Governor is to contribute to the work of the Local Governing Body (LGB) to secure a high-quality education and good outcomes for all children at our school.

To be a Local Governor you must support the values and ethos of The White Horse Federation (TWHF). You should also be prepared to:

- Develop your knowledge of teaching, learning and assessment
- Know your school and its pupils, staff and parents
- Systematically challenge and support leaders
- Consistently communicate high expectations and ambitions
- Ask questions and have a clear commitment to effective challenge and support
- Regularly review your own performance and contribution

### **Role of the Local Governor**

The role of a Local Governor is an important one. Local Governors monitor their school's key performance indicators and act as a critical friend to the Principal and the Senior Leadership Team, providing challenge and support, as appropriate. Its role is to provide focused local governance for the school at a local level.

### **What we need you to commit to**

We are looking for 2 Local Parent Co-opted Governors who are keen to join us on our journey developing our school year on year. We are looking for you to demonstrate a commitment to governance, to ask questions, to visit and to know our strengths and weaknesses and monitor progress. You will need to be able to work as a member of our team delivering the role as delegated by the Board of Trustees. We will support you with training and help you develop a sound knowledge of the Ofsted Framework as we progress through our exciting journey. You will need to be able to consider initiatives and outcomes in the best interests of the school and the White Horse Federation.

## What we will offer you

- A good induction with other new Local Governors
- Support and guidance from a mentor
- Professional clerking support to facilitate good governance
- The opportunity to make a difference to the young people in our care

The White Horse Federation takes very seriously its responsibilities to safeguard children in our schools. The appointment process requires newly appointed Local Governors to undergo a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check within 4 weeks of appointment. Refusal to comply leads to disqualification as a Local Governor. We will also follow up your references and ask you to produce evidence of identity (e.g., a passport or photo driving license) prior to your first meeting.

If you would like to stand for election, please contact the school or Clerk to the Governors, to request an application pack as soon as possible.

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All applications must be made using the application pack. The closing date for applications to be received at the school office is **Friday 5th November**.

If you would like to know a little more about becoming a parent governor, please get in touch with Charlotte Christie (Chair), Mairi Gibbs (Parent Governor) or Phil Butcher (Community Governor) via the school office.

Please think about taking on the role. We need committed parent governors to make the Local Governing Body as effective as it can be.

Yours sincerely

**Charlotte Christie**  
Chair of Governors

**Simon Isherwood**  
Principal