

Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We have one vacancy for an Elected Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body (LGB) at The Belham Primary School.

Parent governors are very important in the life of the school. Parent governors can help the LGB understand parents' views and remind everyone to factor the parent community into discussions and decisions.

Governance at The Belham is a reflection of who we are as a school – a place where *everyone matters with community at heart*. Our Local Governing Body is made up of dedicated volunteers who bring a range of skills and experience from their professional, personal, and volunteering lives. We are dedicated to diversity among our governing body, and to ensuring that every voice is heard respectfully. We actively welcome and encourage applications from communities who tend to be under-represented in school governance. We are committed to continuous improvement in how representative we are of our local community, gender, ethnicity, religion, age, professional background, and all other aspects of diversity.

There is a range of support available to anyone interested in becoming a local governor, including mandatory induction training and support from the Trust governance team. School governors are elected for a four-year term but may stop being a governor at any time. If at some point during their term of office they no longer have a child at the school, they may continue to serve until the end of their four-year term.

All parents and carers of pupils who attend the school (except those who are elected members of the local authority or are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in a twelve-month period) are eligible to vote and stand in the election.

We very much hope you will consider putting your name forward for the position of Elected Parent Governor and we would encourage nominations from anyone who is interested in finding out more about, and offering guidance to, the management of the school. If you would like to find out more about what is involved you can contact the Chair of the Local Governing Body, Juliane Caillouette-Noble jcaillouettenoble@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk who will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

You can nominate yourself or, with their permission, another parent or carer with a child at the school.

Please complete the nomination form which is attached with this letter and can be downloaded from the school website. Alternatively, you can fill the nomination form in via this Google form link: <https://forms.gle/kHhwyasE8iXcfNq79>

Email your completed form to Catherine Ross at cmurray49.210@lgflmail.org .

The closing date for nominations is **Friday 17th March 2023** at 12pm. If we have more than one nomination for the vacancy, we will have to hold an election and details of this process will be shared after the closing date for nominations.

Yours sincerely

Liz Cohen
Headteacher