

Tuesday 20th January 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Amos Emoike has completed eight years committed service as a parent governor and is stepping down so we have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Although we are sad to see him go, we would be delighted if you would consider standing for election as a parent governor!

We are proud of our strong partnership with parents and carers, which brings great benefits to the children. One of the best ways you can help to keep this partnership strong is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are to ensure that pupils receive high quality education, to plan for future developments and improvement, and to support the school. You do not need to have previous experience or bring any particular specialist knowledge, as new governors get full training. The most important things are common sense, willingness to give your time and your role as a voice for parents.

Parent governors are valued members of the team. We very much hope that parents from all backgrounds would be interested in standing. The school reimburses childcare and travel costs incurred as a governor.

Governors are expected to attend four Governing Body meetings every year and one meeting each term of any sub-committee they sit on – we have three sub-committees at the moment (Children and Families, Resources, and Curriculum and Standards). Meetings take place in the evening.

The school office must receive all nominations by 9am on Monday 2nd February. Candidates should also write a few words (maximum of 200) about themselves and why they wish to become a governor. If there is more than one nomination, there will be an election.

Ballot papers and candidates' statements will be sent home by post/pupil post on Wednesday 4th February.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election and may vote in the election. Each parent has one vote.

Ballot papers must be returned by 4pm on Thursday 12th February. They will be counted at 5pm on Friday 13th February and all candidates are invited to attend. The ballot is secret; you may send or post the ballot paper back in a sealed envelope addressed to the returning officer. You can also drop it into the secure ballot box in the school office by 4pm on Thursday 12th February. The returning officer for this election is our Head Teacher, Mrs Buchanan.

If you would like to know any more about becoming a parent governor, please do speak to me or any other governor in the playground or ask the office to put you in touch with one of us by phone or email. All our names and photos are below.

I enclose a nomination form (by hand and by email) and I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

Nik Nicol
Chair of Governors



Matthew
Harris



Andrew
Mayer



Cerian
Morgan



Emma
Gleadhill



Perrine
Summers



Amos
Emoike



Robert
Loader



Claire
Maugham



Nik
Nicol



Anastazia
Nyaga



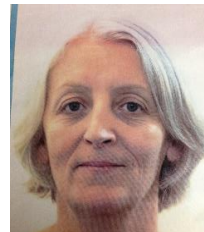
Cassie
Buchanan



Zoe
Sumner



Linda
Taylor



Catherine
Greenwood





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NOMINATION FORM

Election of a parent governor for Charles Dickens Primary School on Thursday 12th February 2015

Full name of NOMINEE (BLOCK CAPITALS):

ADDRESS and POSTCODE:

Parent of: _____

Class: _____

Full name of PROPOSER (BLOCK CAPITALS) if not proposing self:

Signature: _____

Parent of: _____

Class: _____

Please include a few details about yourself and the reasons why you wish to become a parent governor (maximum of 200):

All candidates please ensure that you have read and signed the declaration of eligibility overleaf.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9AM MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY.

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON A SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

In some circumstances, a person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a school governor. A person may not be a governor:

- if already holding a governorship at Charles Dickens Primary School;
- if under 18 years of age.

Also people who

- can be compulsorily detained under the Mental Health Act 1983;
- are bankrupt or disqualified, or are subject to disqualification undertaking, under the Company Directors Disqualification Act;
- are subject to disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, or disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002;
- are subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- have been removed from a charity trusteeship by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement;
- are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young persons (currently named the Prohibition list);
- when screened by the Disclosure and Barring Service are found to have a conviction which would result in them being unsuitable for working with Children;
- have been disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee in any school by an Independent Schools Tribunal or the Secretary of State;
- have in the previous five years (or since becoming a governor) been sentenced to three months or more in prison (whether this was suspended or not) without the option of a fine;
- have in the previous 20 years been sentenced to imprisonment for two and a half years or more;
- have at any time been sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more;
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to, or since, appointment or election as a governor

may not serve as governors.

Would you please confirm that you are willing and eligible to stand by signing the declaration below.

I declare that I am the parent or guardian of a pupil registered at the school and am not disqualified from serving on a governing body. If I become disqualified I will give notice of the fact to the clerk of the governing body.

I will agree to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Signed: _____

Date: _____