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### Parent Governor

Dear parents,

At the end of this month, Mrs Rhodd Arnold and Mrs Kendal Goode's term as Bro Alun parent governors on the federation's governing body will be ending. We are very grateful to both of them for their work and commitment over the last four years.

On every governing body, there is a representation of the school's parents and we are therefore looking for two parents from Bro Alun to be on the federation's board of governors. If you are interested, you will need to be nominated by another parent at the school or you can self-nominate. If you would like a nomination form to be nominated yourself or to nominate another parent, they are available from the school office. The completed forms must be returned to school by **3:30pm on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. If there is more than one nomination, then an election will be held to elect a parent governor.

There is information on the role of a governor and a parent governor on the back of this letter, available from the school office and on the school website / app.

Thank you,

Osian Jones

## **The Role of a School Governor**

There are approximately 22,200 school governors in Wales. They give their time, skills and expertise in a voluntary capacity, to help their schools provide children with the best possible education.

Governing bodies are accountable for the strategic direction of their school and for the quality of education provided.

### **Why become a Governor?**

- To make an important contribution to education by supporting the school community, its staff and pupils and helping to raise standards of education
- To experience rewarding and challenging opportunities
- To help to develop your existing skills and also learn new ones
- To meet and work with new people
- To gain awareness of the education system

### **A Governor is a volunteer who:**

- has an interest in education;
- represents those with a key interest in the school;
- is part of a team which accepts responsibility for everything a school does;
- has time to commit to meetings and other occasions;
- is willing to learn;
- is able to act as a critical friend who supports the school but also challenges and asks questions about how the school works and the standards it achieves;
- acts as a link between parents, the local community, the Local Authority and the school.

### **Three Key Roles of the Governing Body**

- 1 - Provide a strategic view
- 2 - Act as a critical friend
- 3 - Ensure accountability

### **Support and Training**

For governors to carry out their responsibilities effectively and to a high standard they need to be trained appropriately. A new governor must attend Governor Induction and Understanding School Data training within 12 months of being appointed.

A commitment to governor development is an important aspect of being an effective governing body but training does not just stop at the induction stage. There are a number of additional training courses available, provided by Local Authorities, to assist all governors to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively govern their school.