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Dear Families

Parent Governor Vacancy

Bohunt Horsham's local governing body has a vacancy for a parent governor. We are therefore writing to all families in our school to invite interested parties to stand for election as a parent governor, or to nominate another parent to do so.

Our Local Governing Body works closely with the Headteacher in all respects and in summary:

- guides the implementation of Bohunt Education Trust's overarching strategy and priorities specifically within the context of our school;
- represents and promotes the school in its local community;
- promotes the delivery and implementation of the Trust's vision and ethos to the school community;
- provides proactive support and challenge to the Head of School including with respect to educational performance;
- advises the BET Board about local issues (whether within School or the wider community) that may affect the school.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in our school, and young people, and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work. Training is available for all governors and this Local Governing Body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free training. A role description is attached.

A key consideration in the appointment and election of all new governors is the skills and experience the Local Governing Body needs to be effective. Applications from parents and carers with skills and experience in any area are welcomed. We are particularly looking for representation from parents and carers of children in our primary provision.

We particularly encourage applications from those parents and carers who are from ethnic minority backgrounds, or who have a disability, or from parents and carers (or grandparents) of very young children, aged under six. Parents and carers from these backgrounds in our community are currently under-represented within the Local Governing Body and parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year.

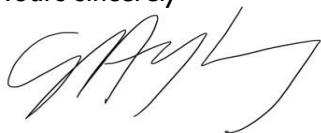
Nominations must be from parents or carers with children registered at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you are interested in the role and would like further information, then please contact Sharon Taylor – Governance Coordinator – staylor1@bohunt.hants.sch.uk who can invite you to a virtual candidate briefing to explain more about the role, including expectations and time commitment. Following on from this, you will then be asked to complete an application form and provide a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 200 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another person please seek their prior consent. If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. In this circumstance, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure. Further details will be provided if required.

- Candidate briefing – w/b 25th November – Date and time to be confirmed
- Deadline for applications is 6th December 2024 to Samantha Stanley, Clerk to the board at SStanley@bohunt.hants.sch.uk

We very much look forward to receiving your application form.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Ayling', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Georgette Ayling
Headteacher