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4th January 2012

Dear Parents,

Parent Governor Vacancies

Every term governing bodies meet to support the work of schools. Each governing body is made up of parents, staff and other members of the community who, together with the Head, are responsible for a wide range of matters affecting the life of the school and the work of pupils. Parent Governors are an important link between the school and its parent body, providing a vital conduit of information, opinions and expertise.

At Ridgmont we currently have three vacancies for Parent Governors and we would really appreciate people coming forward who feel they may have something to offer. The job need not be frightening or time consuming, and does not require any special qualifications. A commitment to support the school over a period of time, and attend a minimum of one evening meeting per term is really all that is initially asked for. Any parent who would like to stand for election can complete the nomination paper below. Candidates are asked to say a few words (around 100), in a separate letter, something about themselves and what they would hope to do for the School if elected. When completed, the nomination paper should be returned to the school office by 3.30 pm on Friday 20th January 2012.

If the number of nominations is the same as, or less than, the number of vacancies, then the people nominated will be deemed elected unopposed. If there are not enough nominations, the Governing body has the duty to appoint a parent governor to fill the vacancy. If there are more nominations than vacancies, then a ballot will be held.

If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact Mrs Sam Bell, Vice-Chair of Governors, on 01525 288880, or myself at school. We will be more than happy to explain what is involved.

I will be available for a short meeting after school for any interested but uncertain parents – Tuesday 10th January at 4.00.p.m. Please let me know if you would like to be there.

It would be great if we could generate enough interest to cause a ballot to be held. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

Jim Smart
Interim Headteacher

CURRENT GOVERNING BODY

Representing	Nominee	Term Ends
Community Governors	Mr Bernie Ryan - Chair of Governors	2013 (Oct)
	Vacant	
	Mrs Irene Campbell	2014 (Oct)
Parent Governors	Mrs Samantha Bell - Vice Chair	2012 (June)
	Mrs Sally Chilwell(retiring)	2011 (Nov)
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Authority Appointed	Vacant	
	Mrs Peggy Akerman	2014 (Oct)
Staff Governors	Mrs Lorna Daggett	
	Mrs Lara Abbey	
Clerk	Mrs Joanna Appleton	

Governor Nomination Form

Name and address of candidate:

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Name(s) and ages(s) of children of candidate:.....

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Signature of candidate:.....

Name of proposer:.....

(Can be self, partner or a parent of another child at the school)

Name(s) and ages(s) of children of the proposer:.....

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Name of seconder:.....

(Must be a parent, other than the candidate or the proposer, of another child at the school)

Name(s) and ages(s) of children of the seconder:.....

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Please attach a few lines(around 100 words) saying something about yourself and what you would hope to contribute to the school.