

31 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We currently have two vacancies for Elected Parent Governors on our Local Governing Board (LGB) at the school.

Parent Governors are very important in the life of the school. Parent governors can use their status as a parent/carer* to help the LGB understand parents' views and remind everyone to factor the parent community into discussions and decisions.

There is a range of support available to anyone interested in becoming a governor, including mandatory induction training. We also publish information on our website including 'What do Governors do' and guidance on the election process that may also be helpful. School Governors are elected for a four-year term but may stop being a Governor at any time. Also, 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 anyone who is interested in finding out more about, and offering guidance to, the management of the school. We are especially keen that our governing body better reflects the cultural makeup of the school.

A nomination form is included with this letter and can be downloaded from the school website www.charternorthdulwich.org.uk.

Please note that if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be held. The closing date for nominations is **12 midday on Friday 15 February 2019**. Please also note that successful candidates will need to undertake an enhanced criminal records check (DBS).

Please note that we will accept nominations via pupil-post to reception or Royal Mail. Please clearly mark your envelope Parent Governor Nominations, The Charter School North Dulwich and send to the address below. Nominations received after midday on the closing date will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Christian Hicks
Headteacher

* to be read in conjunction with our guidance documents
