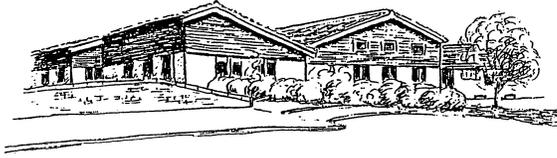


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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that we have been canvassing, to no avail, for some time now, to recruit two new parent governors to complete the requirements of our Governing Body. Unfortunately at our last meeting Rachel Davies, a much valued parent representative felt it necessary to tender her resignation with the consequence that we now have no parent representation.

Following discussions with Governor Support Services, it has been suggested that one of the possible solutions is for parents from other schools sit on our Governing Body. This I am sure you will agree is less than desirable, as we need the governance of our school to be in our hands. I would therefore ask you once again to reconsider and see if perhaps you can help us by offering your service to the school in this role.

In addition our two Local Authority representatives, Moira Dearnley and Janet Brettle, left the Governing Body for personal reasons at the end of the last school year and to date the Local Authority have not identified their replacements.

These factors have placed a strain on the Governing Body, which need attention. The Chair of Governors and I are meeting Will McClean, Director of Education and other senior Education Officers to discuss the situation early next week. In the short term I can assure you this will have zero effect on school life and the education and welfare of the staff and children at the school.

The parent Governor role is a vital one and, although it does come with responsibility, training is given for new Governors and there is always plenty of support available. I am aware that the attached procedural letter is slightly dry and does not necessarily give the best insight into the role of a parent Governor. If you would like more information please drop in for an informal chat with myself. David Trippett, Chair of Governors, is also willing to meet or discuss the role further. Should you wish to contact him please let the school office know and they will pass on your details.

Many thanks
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