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Dear Parents,

Parent Governor Vacancy

Heatherside Junior School has always had a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in fulfilling this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor. We are looking for two new Parent Governors to join the Governing Body as soon as possible.

Our school needs enthusiastic and committed people to become governors. Being a governor is important, interesting, diverse, and rewarding. At the end of this letter you will see a testimonial from one of our current Parent Governors to give you an insight into their perspective on the role.

What does a governor do? We help to set the strategy for the school and ensure that resources are appropriately and affordably allocated. Although we don't get involved directly with day to day running of the school, we do make a huge difference to all we achieve for the children and families. As part of this we support and challenge the leadership team to drive school improvements, as well as spending time in school seeing the positive impact of decisions which have been made.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring that the Governing Body represents the perspective of parents alongside Co-opted and Staff Governors.

We hope that there are parents interested in this important role who can support the continued strategic development of our school. Full training is provided to help and support all our Governors.

We have four two-hour evening meetings per term, which can be attended virtually by prior agreement. Governors are offered training and support and all meetings are professionally clerked. We work well as a professional team but meetings also have an informal feel and biscuits are provided!

If you go to work, your organisation might offer paid time off for volunteering roles and actively support individuals who give back to the community.

If you would like to apply for the role of Parent Governor [please complete this online form](#) by **Thursday 16th October at midday**. I encourage any potential applicant to [look at the information for prospective governors](#) on the Hampshire County Council website.

If there is more than one application, we will hold an anonymous election which will be conducted electronically through a Form with the ability to also vote physically.

If you wish to talk through the role, please email governors@heatherside-jun.hants.sch.uk and I will get in touch for a no-obligation chat. Please note that for the safeguarding of children all governor appointments are subject to a vetting process and identity check.

Yours sincerely,

David

DAVID BARNES
Chair of Governors

What does one of our current Parent Governor's say?

“I have found my time as a Parent Governor extremely rewarding. It has been an opportunity to see first-hand the dedication, professionalism and creativity of the staff team at Heatherside Juniors, and to work alongside a diverse team of governors to support the school community. I have enjoyed visiting the school and attending working sessions on school resources and the curriculum. A parent governor's role in particular is to provide a parent perspective in support of the drive for continuous improvement, but we also all as individuals bring our knowledge and experience (from within or outside of the education sector) to shape the school ethos and strategic direction. We provide a sounding board for the school leadership team, which has been particularly important during the last few years of ever-changing external circumstances. The children of Heatherside are at the heart of everything we do – at the end of each meeting we ask ourselves what we achieved for them.”

Elaine Greaney