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Arts & Media School
ISLINGTON

17th May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION(S)

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill the vacancy.

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for parent governors as determined by the governing body is 4 years. Training is available for all governors and those new to being a governor are encouraged to attend induction training.

If you would like to stand for election please arrange for the enclosed nomination form to be completed and returned to the school not later than Friday 1st June 2018.

Nominations must be from parents with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Parents putting their names forward are invited to provide some brief biographical details limited to not more than 150 words suitable for inclusion in the ballot paper. Parents who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

The enclosed sheet summarises the qualifications to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason.

The successful candidate(s) will be required to submit an application through the school to the Islington Council Disclosure Unit regarding their suitability to have access to children and young people and will not be able to take up their appointment until clearance has been received.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely



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Susan Service
Head teacher

Qualifications to serve as a governor

A governor must:

- be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment;
- not hold more than one governorship at the same school;
- not be the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order; an interim bankruptcy restrictions order; debt relief restrictions order; an interim debt relief restrictions order; or have had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- not be subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; a disqualification order under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; or an



order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)

- not have been removed from the office of trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- not be barred from any regulated activity relating to children;
- not be included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people;
- not be disqualified from working with children or from registered child-minding or providing day care;
- not be subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under s.142 of the Education Act 2002 or section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;
- not be disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee in any school;
- not, subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, have been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor or since becoming a governor;
- not, subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, have received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor;
- not, subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, at any time have received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- not have been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on educational premises during the 5 years ending with the date immediately preceding appointment/election or since appointment or election as a governor;
- not refuse a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate;



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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR(S)

Name of Nominee

Address

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of Parent Governor

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons under the School Government Regulations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The nominee may set out overleaf information about him/herself to go out with the ballot papers, a limited of 150 words.



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Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school reception by Friday 1st June 2018.