

19th September 2013

ELECTION OF ONE PARENT GOVERNOR

The School has a Governing Body of 18 persons composed of 6 Parent Governors, 3 Staff Governors including the Headteacher (ex officio), and 9 other appointed governors. We are now seeking to fill a vacancy for one new Parent Governor.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election is entitled to stand for election as a Parent Governor (unless they actually work for the school for more than 500 hours per year). If you are interested you should contact Mrs A Roberts, Clerk to the Governors at the school, to request a nomination form (telephone 01604 230240 or email aroberts@nsb.northants.sch.uk). Nomination forms must be returned to the main school office by 10.00 am on Wednesday 2nd October 2013, marked for the attention of Mrs A Roberts.

On the nomination form, if you wish to you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). Should we receive more than one nomination this will then be circulated to all parents along with ballot papers, to help them decide for whom to vote.

If more than one nomination is received, ballot papers will be taken home by students on Monday 7th October 2013. Each parent will have one ballot paper whether one or more children attend the school. The ballot is secret; you can send or post the ballot paper back in a sealed envelope, or drop it into the ballot box at reception. All votes must be in by 10.00 am on Wednesday 16th October 2013.

Governing bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters and meet three times per year. If you are thinking of standing as a governor, remember that you will be expected to attend the three full meetings, plus any committee meetings. As an Academy Governor you will be acting in the capacity of a Trustee of the Charity which is Northampton School *for Boys* and as Director of the Company which is Northampton School *for Boys*. Governors normally hold office for a period of four years. A copy of the full Code of Practice for Governors will be supplied with the nomination form, together with an eligibility declaration.

In line with good practice, all school governor appointments will be subject to security clearance, in order to protect our students.

On the reverse of this letter you will find the School Governors' Eligibility criteria. Should you require a nomination form, or any further information about becoming a governor, please contact Mrs A Roberts at the school.

M Griffiths
Headmaster

Eligibility Regulations

You should be:

- Aged 18 or over
- Have parental responsibility of a child registered at Northampton School for Boys
Parents are not eligible to become parent governors if they work more than 500 hours per year at the school at the time of election

You should not:

- be a person who is detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- fail to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed
- be the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order
- be subject to a disqualification order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- have had your estate sequestrated and the sequestration not discharged, annulled or reduced
- have been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- be the subject of a disqualification order or undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 or an order made under section 429(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986
- be included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children
- be disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002
- be disqualified from registration for child minding or providing day care
- be disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006
- in the five years prior to becoming a governor, have received a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or otherwise, for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine
- in the twenty years prior to becoming a governor, have been convicted as aforesaid of any offence and have had passed on you a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than two and a half years
- have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- refuse to allow an application to the Criminal Records Bureau for a criminal records certificate