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Dear Parent,

RE: Invitation to stand for Parent Governor election

The role of a school governor is extremely important and many essential decisions about Beecholme are taken by our Governing Board. School governors work together with the school leadership team to continually improve the education for every child at our school. Our school governors have 3 core functions. They:

- Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of our school;
- Hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of our school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Oversee the financial performance of our school and make sure its money is well spent.

There are now three vacancies for parent governors at Beecholme Primary School.

The governing board have identified that they are short of the following skills and experiences:

- Experience of managing HR issues or an awareness of HR policy and procedure within a workplace
- An understanding of finance and budget setting within a workplace setting.
- An understanding of Health and Safety
- 'An awareness of current social media and communication platforms'.

They would be delighted if parents who have these skills and experiences stood for election. However, all eligible parents, regardless of skills and experiences, are able to stand for election.

Merton schools have governors from all walks of life, from different ethnic groups and all age groups over 18 years old. Very few people cannot be governors. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check as we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Therefore, if successful, an enhanced DBS check will be completed.

If you would like to stand for election as a parent governor, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please complete the relevant section on the nomination form enclosed. If you wish to nominate someone else, you will need first need to check that they have a child at this school and that they are willing to be a school governor.

Each person standing for election must prepare a short personal statement stating why they wish to stand for election.

Nomination forms, personal statements and declarations must reach me by 4pm on **Friday, 1st October**. If I receive more than 3 nominations a ballot will be arranged.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg (Headteacher)

Parent Election Nomination Form

To nominate yourself please complete **Part A**.

To nominate someone else complete **Part B** yourself and ask them to complete Part C.

Part A

I wish to stand for election as Parent Governor. My child attends this school.

Signed Print

Name.....Date.....

Child's Name and class:.....

Part B

I wish to nominate for election as parent governor.

Signed Print Name..... Date.....

Part C

I am prepared to stand for election as parent governor. I have a child at this school

Signed Print Name..... Date

Child's Name and class:.....

Personal Statement form

Why I would like to become a parent governor

Empty box for writing a personal statement.