



# William Torbitt Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

## School Governing Body - Parent Governor Elections

There are two vacancies for Parent Governor to serve on the Governing Body of this school.

The other members of the Governing Body represent the Local Authority, the school staff and the local community. The powers and responsibilities of Governors have changed considerably in recent times, with the quality and effectiveness of governance being reported on in Ofsted School Inspection Reports. Governors should act in a strategic role, as a 'critical friend' to the school and be accountable for their responsibilities.

Therefore, becoming a Parent Governor is a serious commitment, with a term of office lasting four years, but the role can play a vital part in helping the school to meet the needs of the children and communities they serve.

On the Newsletter tab (School Letters) of our school website, you will find a '**Good Governance Guide**' on how to be an effective parent governor. There is also a form which explains how you can be nominated to stand for election, or to nominate another parent. Nominated parents should also write a brief statement about themselves, and what knowledge and skills they have that will benefit the school's governing body, to help parents to decide who to vote for (if an election is needed).

Governors are not expected to be instant experts. Successful candidates will be provided with relevant information, by the Local Authority and the school, once they are elected, and it is expected that they will take part in training events to help them learn about their role.

Remember, decisions taken by the Governing Body will affect **your** child's future education. To make sure you have a voice in that decision making, please make every effort to take part in these elections.

If you want further advice, please speak to Mrs Hinds or Mrs Arnott (PA to Headteacher).

Yours faithfully,

Mrs P. Arnott  
PA to Headteacher

