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Dear Parents

Election of Parent Governors

The governing body of Abbots Ripton Church of England Primary School has a parent governor vacancy. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of the school, its performance and the use of resources to support learning. They help to ensure that our school provides the best education it can for children, parents and our local community. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body and we rely on them to help us to give a parent's view. They are on the governing body as representative parents, but they are not delegates and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice and training are available from various sources. If you are interested in being part of the team and have time to commit to this role we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor. If you would like more information please contact the school and we can put you in touch with a member of our governing body for an informal chat.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can self-nominate, stand for election and can vote in the election. A parent who works for the school for 500 hours or more or a parent who is an elected member of the local authority (County Councillor) is not eligible to stand for election but they are permitted to vote. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint nominated parents to the governing body. The term of office for a parent governor is four years.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office **by Friday 14th January**. We also need candidates to provide a written statement of not more than 200 words outlining why they would like to be a governor, and what skills and experience they can bring to the governing body.

On **Monday 17th January** we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations. If an election is necessary we will send ballot forms home with the children with the names of the candidates and their details. Each parent will have **ONE** vote. The ballot is secret and you can send or post the ballot paper back using a double envelope system. (The ballot paper should be sealed in an inner unmarked envelope, which would be sealed in an outer envelope with the name of the voter printed on the back.) The ballot paper can be handed to the adult on duty to place in the ballot box or sent in with your child to hand to the class teacher. All votes must be in by **9am on Wednesday 26th January** when they will be counted.

A copy of the rules guiding the election of parent governors and further copies of the nomination form can be obtained from the school office. If you require a copy of this letter in a language other than English or in large print format please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Linda Nixon

Clerk to Governors

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

