**RE: Notice of nominations for parent local governor election**

Dear parents and carers,

We currently have vacancies for 1local parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent to join the local governing board.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role but, if you aspire to help our school we would like to hear from you.

The core functions of the local governing board are:

* Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
* Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the

organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.

* Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its

money is well spent.

The term of office for all local governors is four years.

At Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academywe always aim for positive and purposeful partnerships with parents, which undoubtedly bring important benefits to the pupils. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent local governor. The local governing board’s main tasks are to support the school, ensure that all pupils receive a high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

Parent local governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role

in ensuring the governing board is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

We are confident that there are parents prepared to volunteer to take on this key role

and give their time and commitment to help us continue to develop and improve the school's

performance.

Local governors currently meet as a board 5 times a year and meetings usually start at 6pm and are finished around 8pm. All meetings are held at the school. If needed, additional meetings will be planned with, unless there are extraordinary circumstances, seven days’ notice given. We also have a Resources Committee and an Ethos, Curriculum and Standards Committee. Local governors are invited to join the committee that their skills and experience match with, or they have a particular interest in. Committee meetings are held at 8am or 9:30am on a Wednesday morning. Committees meet 3 times a year.

Local governors are occasionally required to visit the school during the day for monitoring

visits and are encouraged to support school events, where possible.

We offer new local governors a comprehensive and supportive induction, and each new local governor is assigned a mentor. Full training for the role is also available.

If you are interested in becoming a local governor, self-nomination is acceptable – see attached form, which will need to be submitted to the returning officer by **12pm** on **Monday 3rd February.**

When nominating yourself or someone else for the role of parent local governor, you are nominating the person you believe has the skills and commitment to undertake the role. You are also nominating someone you trust to represent the views of parents when working with other local governors and the headteacher, to promote high standards and strategically develop the school. The parent local governor’s role is not to represent individual parents’ views or to report back directly to parents. Confidentiality is a vital aspect of the role.

Should you have any questions about the role please do not hesitate to contact our Chair of Governors, Carole O’Donnellwhose email address is[chair@hardwicke.dgat.org.uk](mailto:chair@hardwicke.dgat.org.uk)

Please complete the attached supporting statement form, not exceeding one side of A4. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held in the new year and all parents eligible to vote will be sent a voting paper. In the event of an election, candidates supporting statements will be shared with parents eligible to vote in the format they have been submitted. It is recommended that a word-processed PDF version is submitted where possible. Handwritten submissions will not be transcribed.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Cowan

Clerk to local governing board

**Parent governor nomination form**

Please complete section one for self-nomination and refer to the information on the reverse of this form to make yourself aware of the circumstances that a person may not be permitted to stand for the role of parent local governor. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please complete section two of this form, reviewing the reverse of this page to ensure that the individual in mind if suitable for the position

**Section one – self nomination**

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| I wish to nominate myself for the role of parent local governor at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy I have read the information on disqualification and confirm that I am eligible to stand for election. | |
| Name: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Child’s name: |  |
| Child’s class: |  |
| Signature: |  |

**Section two – nominating someone else**

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| I wish to nominate another parent for the role of parent local governor at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy I confirm that I have informed the parent of my intention to nominate them and they are willing to be nominated for election. | |
| **Nominee’s details** | |
| Name: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Child’s name: |  |
| Child’s class: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| **Person being nominated** | |
| Name: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Name of child: |  |
| Child’s class: |  |
| Signature: | I have read the information on disqualification and confirm I am eligible to stand for election. |
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Please return your nomination form via email to Vicki Cowan on [clerk@hardwicke.dgat.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hardwicke.dgat.org.uk) no later than 12pm on Monday 3rd February. The returning officer for this election is Vicki Cowan.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held and all parents will be sent a voting paper.

**Parent local governor election: supporting statement.**

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| **Candidate name:** |  |
| **Supporting statement** | |

**Disqualification from holding or continuing to hold office as a local governor of a DGAT academy.**

**The DGAT articles of association, state that ‘Articles 68 to 74, Articles 77 to 79 apply to any committee of the Directors, including a Local Governing Body, who is not a Director’. Therefore, a member of staff is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a local governor of a DGAT academy in the following circumstances (adapted from the DGAT Articles of Association).**

* Unless they are aged 18 or over at the date of their appointment.
* If they become incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering their own affairs.
* If they are absent without the permission of the Directors or other members of the Local Governing Board from all their meetings held in a period of six months and the Directors resolve that their office be vacated.
* If their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.
* They are subject of a bankruptcy restriction or an interim order.
* If at any time they are subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section429(2) (b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
* If they have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which they were responsible or to which they were privy, or which they by their conduct contributed to or facilitated.
* If at any time they have been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.
* If they have not provided a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997. In the event that the certificate discloses any information which would in the opinion of either the Chair of the Board of Trustees or CEO confirm their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified. If a dispute arises as to whether a person shall be disqualified, as referral shall be made to the Secretary of State to determine the matter. The determination of the Secretary of State shall be final.
* Where by virtue of the Trust Articles a person becomes disqualified from holding, or continuing to hold office as a staff local governor, and they are proposed to be a such a governor or Director, they shall upon becoming disqualified give written notice of that fact to the Clerk.