



8 October 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY - ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

The Headteacher of your Child's School has been asked to arrange an election for a Parent Governor.

The Role of Governors has become increasingly important. They must ensure that the requirements of the national curriculum are met, establish standards of behaviour, select staff, deal with budget matters and prepare and present the Annual Report to Parents. Governing Bodies are required to meet at least once a term and most meet in the evening. The frequency and time of meetings is decided by the Governing Body.

Governors are elected for a four-year term of office, but Parents may continue to serve even if their child leaves the school during that time. Training is continually available for all Governors, at no cost to the individual. All Governors, new and experienced, are expected to take advantage of any courses arranged as it is vital to keep up to date with new ideas and legislation.

A nomination form is enclosed to enable you to put your name forward for election.

Each nominee is invited to make a brief statement in support of their nomination which will be circulated to Parents in the event of an election. Please ensure any statement is clearly written to avoid problems when being reproduced.

All nominees **must be** a Parent, or Legal Guardian, of a Pupil registered at the School. Grandparents of Pupils are not allowed to take part in the election unless they are the Legal Guardians of the Child. No person may serve on more than two Governing Bodies in any category.

A person is not permitted to stand as Parent Governor if the following apply:

- (a) an elected member of the local education authority;
- (b) employed by the local education authority in connection with its functions as a local education authority; or
- (c) paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any twelve-month period commencing on 1 August and finishing on 31 July.

The nomination form should be returned to King Henry VIII School by **3pm on FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019**. If nominations exceed the number of vacancies a secret ballot will be held. Details of the election will be sent to you if appropriate.

The name of the elected governor(s) will be displayed at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the Governing Body