

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or nominate another parent to do so.

In our school we have provision for two Parent Governors and there is currently **one Parent Governor vacancy**, but we also have vacancies for Co-opted Governors who can be parents. The term of office is 4 years.

No special qualifications are needed to become a School Governor. The attached list of our current Governors illustrates the varied backgrounds, interests and experience that go to make up the friendly, supportive and welcoming group that is the Beaminster School Governing Body. The common thread that runs throughout is a keen interest in the school, the staff, pupils and the community it serves.

New Governors bring welcome ideas, thoughts and perspectives. Those willing to play an active role in the work of the Governing Body will be rewarded with a sense of achievement, involvement and a genuine feeling of making a difference.

The Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing Bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Training is available and encouraged. This Governing Body has an expectation that those new to being a Governor attend free induction training. All new Governors go through an induction process and are mentored by other more experienced Governors. Our current Governors are available to talk to anyone thinking about standing so please contact me [THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) if you would like the opportunity to speak to a Governor.

The circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor are included with this letter. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year, or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the nomination form and return it to the school, marked for the attention of "Tanya Harley, Clerk to Governors", or emailed direct to [THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:THarley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) no later than **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent. Should there be more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot and voting papers will be sent to all parents/carers together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Harley', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Tanya Harley  
Clerk to Governors and Returning Officer  
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