

June 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Parent Governors Election

Two of our valued parent governors are stepping down from the governing board at the end of term, meaning there are two vacancies for parent governors to begin in September 2019.

What does the governing board do?

Torridon governing board provide strategic leadership for the school and work with the Headteacher and Senior Leaders to ensure the school provides high quality education for our children, works closely with the community, and makes good use of all of its resources. The governing board meets each term to discuss school improvement and performance, financial matters and school premises, curriculum and standards, and community engagement.

What is the role of a parent governor?

As a parent governor, you'll be part of the board working to ensure we do our best for our children. The governing board is made up of volunteers from all walks of life and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences who work together for the benefit of the school and to provide an important link to the wider community.

Do I need specific skills or experience?

Everyone has something to offer. We want the governing board to represent people from many backgrounds and with a wide a range of skills and interests. As long as you have an interest in supporting and improving the school, a desire to contribute to our community, and the ability to look at issues objectively we would be delighted to hear from you.

What can we offer?

Being a governor offers you a chance to make a real difference to the school, its children and the wider community. You'll play an important role in helping to make big decisions about the future of Torridon. You will have a chance to develop skills in strategic management, access to further training and will develop knowledge about school performance and management.

Expectations of governors

As well as attending meetings governors are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work. This involves visiting the school to observe aspects of school life. **Confidentiality** is important as we may have frank discussions about areas for change

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form and return it to sbm@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk . If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, an election will take place. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this. If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact me.

Kind Regards

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Torridon Primary School: Parent Governor Candidate Form

Candidate name:	
Candidate address:	
Candidate statement:	<p>Please describe briefly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skills and experience you can bring to the governing board • Your commitment to undertaking training to acquire or develop the skills needed to be an effective governor • Any previous experience of being a school governor • How you plan to contribute to the future work of the board

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school and am not:

- An elected member of the local authority
- Paid to work in the school for more 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period

I confirm that I am a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____