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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Parent Governor Elections

Torridon Primary will shortly have a vacancy for a parent governor. Are YOU the parent or carer who might fill it?

The Governing Board should reflect the school community. All applications are welcome but we would particularly hope for applications from men from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background. What is *most* important is a keen interest in taking our school forward. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and have a child at Torridon.

You **don't** need to be an expert, training is available and your fellow governors are also a good source of information. THEY will also look forward to learning about YOUR experience and perspective as a parent/carer.

School governors work to make a positive contribution to children's education. They use their life experience and common sense to offer supportive challenge, so that the school provides a high quality education, children and staff work in a positive, happy environment and funds are spent well. Governors are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the school; but they do have an important role within the school.

What is the time commitment?

Governors currently meet as a full Governing Body 4 times each year, with additional regular committee meetings and/or Working Party meetings throughout each term. Papers for each meeting are circulated 7 days ahead. They will usually take a couple of hours to read through and think about the questions you will want to ask.

We also ask each governor to be a link governor taking a special interest in a particular area linked to the School Improvement Plan or another identified priority. Each link governor will liaise with the school to work out the best way for them to monitor their area. Most times this will involve visiting during the school day but the last year has shown that there are some things which can be done over MS Teams. After the visit governors write up a short Note of Visit so that their findings can be shared with other Governors.

If you would like to find out more, Manda George and Margaret Brightman (Chair of Governors) will be available on MS Teams or for an individual meeting on **THURSDAY MAY 12th from 4.00**. Email the school if you would like to talk to them at this time.

If you are interested please complete and return a personal statement, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of parent governor. (A template can be found on the website or the office can provide a hard copy). Please email your statement to

governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.school.uk by MIDDAY on FRIDAY MAY 20TH.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Brightman

Chair of Governors