



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parents/Carers

Election of Parent Governors to the Local Governing Body of Heanor Gate Science College

Would you like to be a Governor of your child's school? As you may know, all schools have places for parent governors on their Governing Bodies. We currently have a vacancy for one of these positions at our school.

It is a chance for you as a parent to have an influence over the education the School provides for all its children. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the School including the curriculum, staffing and the School's finances.

Their role is vital to the education of the students of Heanor Gate Science College so we would urge you to consider standing. In case you feel daunted by the responsibilities, we will offer training to help you understand your role as Governor.

There is also a vital role for Parent Governors in providing a link between the School and parents. The Parent Governor will be expected to attend the full meetings of the Local Governing Body – one per half term, and sometimes additional meetings that may be required e.g. panels.

The term of office is 4 years. We expect our Governors to take an active interest in the School and the students:

- All people who have a parental responsibility for a pupil at the School are eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor.
- If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election is held. The election will be organised by the Principal of the School and every parent of a student in the School will receive a voting paper and will have the opportunity to vote.
- The detailed arrangements and a list of parents standing for election will be sent to you.
- If you wish to stand for election you may nominate yourself as a candidate. No proposer or seconder is required but you must signify your intention to stand in writing to the School by **Friday 12 October**. It would also be helpful if you would provide a short personal statement (maximum 100 words) with your nomination to circulate to parents.

Please note that there are certain restrictions which prevent a person from standing for election as a Parent Governor. For example if you are an elected member of the Local Authority or if you work at the School for more than 500 hours in a school year. People who are bankrupt may not serve as Governors, nor may people who have in the previous five years been sentenced to three months or more in prison without the option of a fine, people who have been sentenced to a period of more than two and a half years of imprisonment may not stand within twenty years of that conviction and anyone who has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of five years or more is totally disqualified. People who are disqualified from working with children may not hold office as a Parent Governor. An eligibility form is enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions about parental elections, nominations or appointments, please contact me at the School.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

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