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Dear Parents and carers,

Local Governor Vacancies

I am writing to let you know we have two vacancies for parents, carers or those living in the local community to become a Local Governor at Orchard School. Governors are normally linked up to an area of the school which they look into by making agreed visits to the school and sending short reports back to the Chair, identifying what is going well and any areas of concern. The Link Governor area we are looking to fill is:

- Parent and Student Voice

For this reason, I am writing to you all, to ask you to consider if this is a role you might want to take on. We are looking to represent our community as widely as possible, and are currently under-represented by parents of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic children.

The role involves:

- Building an understanding of how the school is led and managed
- Challenging and supporting the Headteacher and senior team in relation to student progress
- Monitoring whether the school is working within agreed policies, meeting agreed targets, and managing its finances well
- Engaging with stakeholders, and being a point of consultation and representation to others

As the school is part of a Trust, responsibilities such as HR and Finance are held with the Trust Board, so the role of Local Governor remains clearly on school improvement.

Our Governors need to be able to read and analyse online papers before meetings, and be willing to share their thoughts and questions at meetings.

There are 6 meetings in the year on Thursdays, lasting 2 – 2.5 hours, usually starting at 5.30pm. The meetings are friendly and professional, focused on helping the school improve.



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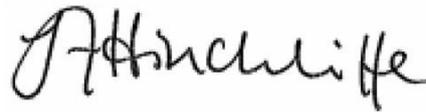
Training is available for anyone who is new to governance. The most important aspect is that Governors are keen to help the school develop into the excellence provision we want for our whole community.

If you are interested in finding out more, or would like to put your name forwards, please contact Georgina, our Clerk to Governors, on g.cairns@osb.school

Yours sincerely,

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Craig Lambourne
Chair of Governors

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Julia Hinchliffe
Headteacher