

The Federation of Beckwithshaw, Kettlelesing Felliscliffe, and Ripley Endowed CE Primary Schools.

20th December 2023

Dear Parents

PARENT GOVERNOR POSITIONS

We are writing to let you know that due the successful work undertaken to improve the outcomes for the Federation Schools, we are now in a position to transition governance from an IEB (Interim Executive Board) to a Full Governing Board.

The IEB has worked on a new Instrument of Governance, which means that from the end of February there will be two parent governor vacancies on the new board of governors. We are asking for nominations from parents from our three schools.

The governing board, with the head teacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the three Federation Schools. The three core functions for all boards are:

- To ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- To hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

However, statutorily and rooted in the original Trust Deed of Ripley School, there is a fourth core function of governance in a church school context: Preserving and enhancing the distinctive Christian foundation of the school.

You do not need any specific qualifications to be a governor. The most important thing is that you are interested in the success of the whole Federation of 3 schools and are prepared to play an active part in the work of the governing board.

We would like our new Federation Governing Body to be made up of governors from all walks of life and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. We would welcome nominations from all parents. A knowledge and experience of business, human resources, marketing, buildings, health and safety are skills sets that would help us with the strategic duties of a governing body.

If you have an interest in the performance of our schools, a desire to contribute to and represent the community, an open and enquiring mind, the ability to look at issues objectively, the confidence to ask questions and join in debate, a willingness to listen and make informed judgements, and the ability to work well with others please consider this role.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

We will be holding an online Information Evening on Tuesday 9th January at 6.00pm when we will share further information. A link will be sent out at the start of term by Miss Kirkman.

Further information about governors and the work they do can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-maintained-schools-governance>.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support through the journey that we have been on – thank you for trusting us!

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

The IEB