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Election of Parent Governor

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that we currently have two elected parent governors as part of our Local Governing Body (LGB), Laura Nunn and Chris Lickfold. Chris' four-year term-of-office officially comes to an end in January, and in advance of that I am writing to you as parents and carers to commence the process of electing to this position. We are now looking to elect this parent governor position on the LGB, with the aim of the successful candidate joining us in January 2025.

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank Chris for all his work, commitment and support to us over the last four years. He has played a key strategic role in overseeing health and safety in the school. There is much work that goes on behind the scenes, and I know that the LGB has really benefited from Chris' work to support the school in whatever way he can.

LGBs are key to the governance structure of REAch2 and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education. Successful candidates will join our LGB and work to help reflect the interests and opinions of the Parent Body of the Academy to the LGB and to act in concert with the other Local Governors in the best interests of the Academy.

No special qualifications are needed for the role of Parent Governor, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the academy and be prepared to play an active part in the LGBs work. It is necessary for a Parent Governor to have a child at the school at the time he or she is elected.

If you want to find out more about how the governance structure works within REACH2, I would recommend anybody wishing to stand for election to visit the REACH2 Governance website [here](#) where you can find out a wealth of information about governor responsibilities and expectations.

If you would like to stand for election to this Parent Governor position, please complete a nomination form (attached) and return it to the school office by **3.15pm next Friday, 29th November 2024**.

Please be aware that regulations require everyone elected or appointed to a governing body to undergo a pre-appointment check, which will include a criminal background check. This is to ensure the safety of the pupils. If you are elected and you subsequently decline to undergo such a check, you will disqualify yourself.

The nomination consists of a statement of not more than **100** words by the person nominated in which they can give such details as they wish about themselves, their views and the skills they believe they can bring to the LGB. This statement would then be included on the voting paper.

The term of office is four years whether or not the child of the elected parent remains at the school for the whole of this period. A Parent Governor elected now will hold office until **January 2029** and, like other Governors, will be able to stand for re-election providing they are still eligible.

The closing date for nominations is **Friday, 29th November**. If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

REAch2 and Green Ridge Academy would like parents to play as full a part as possible in your children's education and, therefore, it is hoped that you will use your vote in this election.

In most cases, it will be obvious whether you are a parent/carer, but for the purpose of the election of a parent governor, a parent is:

Parents (including carers) of registered pupils at the school (including nursery):

"Parent" is defined for the purposes of the Constitution Regulations as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18". It includes a person who the child lives with or who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.' *Guide to the law, Chapter 3, paragraph 4.*

If you have any questions about whether you are eligible to stand in the election or about anything else in this letter, please either contact the school office, or contact me as the chair of governors chair.governors@greenridgeacademy.co.uk for an informal discussion.

Yours faithfully,



Sophy Davies
Chair of Governors