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### To all Parents and Carers

#### **Invitation for Applications – Parent Governor Vacancy [2 vacancies]**

I am writing to invite applications for the role of Parent Governor at Walmley Junior School. As a school, we value the contributions of parents in shaping our vision, policies, and decision-making. This is an exciting opportunity to be actively involved in the governance of the school and to help ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils.

#### **What Does a Parent Governor Do?**

Parent Governors play a key role in:

- Supporting and challenging the school's leadership to improve education standards.
- Representing the views of parents while acting in the best interests of the school.
- Helping to shape policies and ensure the school remains accountable to the community.

No prior experience is necessary—just enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to learn. Training and support will be provided to help you in your role. The Governor Body has a broad mix of skills. Whilst applications from all backgrounds and with all skills sets are welcomed, we would particularly like to hear from you if you have experience as a teacher or educator, and/or have well-developed IT and technical skills.

#### **How to Apply**

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the school office as a paper copy or via email marked for the attention of Patricia Colden to [enquiry@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If there are more applicants than vacancies, an election will be arranged and parents will be asked to vote. If you would like more information or an informal discussion about the role, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

We look forward to receiving your applications and thank you in advance for your interest in supporting our School.

Yours sincerely,

**Patricia Colden**  
**Chair of Governors**



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### **Eligibility and disqualifications to serve as a maintained/foundation school parent governor:**

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor if they:

- are employed at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12 consecutive months;
- are an elected member of the Local Authority.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if they:

- are a registered pupil at the school;
- have failed to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months;
- have been disqualified for failing to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months whilst serving as a foundation, local authority, co-opted or partnership governor at the school in the last 12 months;
- have had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- are subject to:
  - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
  - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which they were responsible; or to which they were privy; or to which they contributed, or they facilitated by their conduct; or



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- have been removed, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
- are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999);
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 (or any other disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction);
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;
- are barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006;
- are disqualified from working with children under sections 28, 29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- have been convicted of any offence and received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- have been convicted of any offence and received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- have been convicted of any offence at any time and received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- have been convicted of an offence and sentenced to a fine under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- have refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate.