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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you that there are vacancies on our governing body for two parent governors. The term of office for a governor is 4 years.

Please read on to find out information about our governing body and how to apply.

The full governing body and our two main committees meets once every term. The two main committees are: Resources and Curriculum and Ethos. We also have "Working Parties" for particular matters that need dedicated time spent on them to develop the school.

The dates for the main meetings are set at the beginning of the year and our meetings are clerked by a professional clerk to governors. The constitution of our governing body includes one LA governor, 4 parent governors, 5 co-opted governors and 2 staff governors.

The governing body works together to further the best interests of the school and to carry out these roles the governors have taken on specific responsibilities. Examples of these roles are: early years, curriculum, finance, buildings, safeguarding, health and safety and special needs.

The school arranges induction training for new governors and there are training programmes that are available for all governors throughout their term of office. It is statutory that all governors complete an Enhanced DBS through the school office; this is to safeguard children.

The school benefits from having governors with a wide range of skills and attributes. Experience has shown that all governors need a strong commitment to improving outcomes for all children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn.

Please have a look at our website to read about our Governing Body. You will not need a log in to view the public pages.

<http://www.belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk/>



If you would be interested in becoming a governor and would like to discuss the role please contact me or the chair of governors and we will be very happy to explain how the governing body supports the school. Our contact details for any enquiries are below.

Deanne Garratt: headteacher and governor

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Mark Bland: Chair of Governors [Mbland278@aol.com](mailto:Mbland278@aol.com)

To apply we will require a short pen portrait with some information about the skills you have to offer and a summary of why you would be interested in becoming a school governor. This information will be published for parents. Please send this written application to the school office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December by 12:00.

If there are more than two applications there will be an election and each parent/carer with a child in school will have a vote.

Yours truly,

Deanne Garratt

