



27 September 2016

To the Parents of pupils attending Ashford CE Primary School

Dear Parents

**GOVERNING BODY OF ASHFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to a new year at Ashford CE. This is a time of continued change in education and the Governing Body is working closely with school staff to ensure that the school is best placed to deal with all the challenges ahead. In 2018 we can expect our next Ofsted inspection and we are striving to achieve recognition of the journey the school has taken. As you know, in 2015 we received a solid "Good" grading with many areas close to outstanding. We are now continuing to work hard to achieve the rapid improvements that will result in an "outstanding" grading. The time and commitment of the Governing Body, as part of the leadership of the school, is vital part to delivering the outstanding education that our school community deserves. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are seeking nominations from parents of registered pupils at the school. Parents are invited to submit nominations to the Headteacher using the enclosed nomination form.

The governing body has a vital role to play and relies on a team approach with each individual contributing a range of skills and experience. We are particularly keen to elect a parent governor with expertise in the following areas as well as a willingness to undertake training to further develop their skills.

- An understand of current educational reforms/thinking
- A business background or experience of running a business
- Experience in project management or development
- Able to commit to the time needed for rapid training and attendance at meetings (Monthly meetings alternate between Monday or Thursday at 6pm plus minimum of 3 x training sessions (2.5 hour) in first two terms)
- Able to visit within the school day

Whilst these skills/commitments would be desirable they are not compulsory for election. The nomination form must be returned by 13 October 2016 by 12 noon. No nomination will be accepted after that date/time. Those nominated to stand for election should enclose with their nomination forms a short personal statement about themselves, of not more than 100 words. Statements will be circulated to parents should a ballot prove necessary. If the number of nominations received is less than the number of vacancies, all those nominated will be appointed without a ballot.

We would strongly advise that if you are interested in becoming a governor that you arrange to meet with Phil Wells, Chair of Governors to hear more about the role. Appointments can be made via the school office.

**Nominations must be submitted to the Headteacher by 12 noon on Thursday 13 October 2016.**

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mrs C Dyer in black ink.

Mrs C Dyer  
Headteacher/Returning Officer

Handwritten signature of Mr Phil Wells in blue ink.

Mr Phil Wells  
Chair of Governors



## NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENTS

### Ashford CE Primary School - Parent Governor Elections

Nominations for parent governor vacancies are made by parents/carers of pupils registered at the school. Should there be more nominations than vacancies a secret ballot will be held. Parent governors can serve for a term of up to four years irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school.

Each person must be proposed and seconded by parents of registered pupils presently attending the school and the nominee must signify his or her willingness to stand for appointment or election.

#### Nominee

Name and Address (please print)

Name/s of child/children

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Nominee's Signature

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Phone number:

Email address:

#### Proposer

Name and Address (please print)

Name/s of child/children

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Proposer's Signature

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#### Secunder

Name and Address (please print)

Name/s of child/children

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Please include a Nominee's Personal Statement (not more than 100 words)