



To the Parents of pupils registered as attending Ashford CE Primary School

Dear Parents

GOVERNING BODY OF ASHFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this difficult period for us all. 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 2021/2022 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 2019 we received a "Requires Improvement" grading with some areas of "Good". We are now continuing to work hard to achieve the rapid improvements that will result in an overall "Good" 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.

The term of office of one our current governors comes to an end in November and Paul Betts is stepping down at this time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and commitment to the school. Paul has worked hard to develop the Building & Maintenance fund in the school and has taken a lead in PE and the use of Sports Premium.

We are therefore seeking nominations from parents of registered pupils at the school for the vacancy on the governing body. Parents are invited to submit nominations to the Headteacher using the link below to the online nomination form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-DvkfHYhb06MqjKUHbsRcztNfXP4A9VDt5tgHvAhb0tUOUJSU0hWVFRYTUxPVEIyS0tDMDRUV1IDUi4u>

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 understanding 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 –
 - approximately 2 meetings per term on a Monday or Thursday at 6pm (At present these meetings are being held virtually).
 - minimum of 3 x training sessions (2.5 hour) in first year

- monitoring visits in the school day of half a day per term (not currently happening).
- Able to visit within the school day

The nomination form must be completed by **12 noon on 12 November 2020**. No nomination will be accepted after that date/time. Those nominated to stand for election should include on their nomination form 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 speak to Phil Wells, Chair of Governors to hear more about the role. Telephone appointments can be made via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Neil Meehan
Executive Headteacher/Returning Officer

Phil Wells
Chair of Governors