



26th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION CLOSING DATE : FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2022 – 12 NOON

A vacancy has arisen for a **Parent Governor** on our Governing Body. The Governing Body is asking you to nominate yourself or someone else with parental responsibility for a child currently on roll at the school. If the school receives more than one nomination, then a ballot must be held. Please note, that if you are nominating someone else, you **must** have the agreement of that person before proposing them **and**, if nominating yourself, **someone else MUST** second your nomination. If you have any queries regarding the completion of the form or what the role entails, please contact Mrs Mortimer for further information.

Why become a Governor?

Cardinal Pole Catholic School needs an enthusiastic and committed person to make important decisions on the school's governance, including setting targets, monitoring achievement and ensuring standards are improving. People can be drawn from the wider community who have an interest in education and a useful contribution to make; this might include business people or representatives of local community groups or religious bodies.

What do Governing Bodies do?

Together with the Headteacher, they:

- Decide the aims and objectives for the school;
- Review students' achievement and set targets for improvement;
- Approve the school budget;
- Decide how staff will be selected;
- Ensure the national curriculum and religious education are taught;
- Approve school policies;
- Make sure children with special needs have access to the curriculum;
- Act as a link between the school and the community it serves;
- Keep parents/carers informed;
- Consider complaints from parents/carers;
- Ensure the school is well maintained;
- Ensure health & safety requirements are met.

Governors need to be proactive with influencing and making difficult decisions, asking complex questions and ensuring accountability.

Interested?

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please complete and return the attached form **and** personal statement to Mrs Mortimer via post or emailed to enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk before 12noon on Friday 14th October 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Hall
HEADTEACHER