



We Can And We Will  
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Dear Parents/Carers

**Parent Governor Election**

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Body have a vacancy for a new parent governor to join the Governing Body with immediate effect.

The other members of the Local Governing Body represent both school staff, the local community, parents and CLPT. The powers and responsibilities of Governors have changed significantly in recent times. Governors should act in a strategic role, as a 'critical friend' to the school and be accountable for their responsibilities.

Some parents may be put off by the amount of work involved in being a Governor, or feel that they do not have the necessary expertise, knowledge or skills to carry out the role effectively. However, parents have much to offer to their local schools and can play a vital part in helping schools to meet the needs of the children and communities they serve.

If you are interested in standing for election for this position you are invited to submit your nomination on the form below, which should be returned to school by **Friday 8th October 2021**. If there are sufficient nominations to warrant an election this will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021** and I will write to you in the near future with further details if this is necessary.

Your nomination must be supported by another parent of a pupil on roll at the school who is not a member of your family. Should an election be necessary each parent nominated will be requested to write a brief personal statement about themselves which will be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for - the school will organise this.

**If any parent is interested in becoming a parent governor but is unsure what this will involve, please contact the school on 01709 512202 or by email to enquiries@eastdene.org for further information.**

**Please Note: In order to ensure the safety and protection of children and young adults, all persons appointed or elected to a governing board are now required to undergo an external check against certain lists of individuals who are unsuitable for working with children. If you are successful in being elected as a parent governor you will be required to undertake such a check.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Ridge  
Headteacher

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**I wish to stand for election as a parent governor at the school:**

Print Name ..... Child's Name .....

Signature ..... Date .....

**I wish to support the above nomination to become a parent governor at the school:**

Print Name ..... Child's Name .....

Signature ..... Date .....