



# KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

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## LICHFIELD

27 September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for **three** parent governors and there are currently **two** vacancies.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with skills in marketing and building further community links. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

Governors make a very positive contribution to King Edward VI School and to the education of children here. They work in partnership with the Senior Leadership Team and staff to achieve consistently excellent standards. Being a Parent Governor can be stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding. If you have the enthusiasm and time to help us to move forward then please do consider this opportunity. A brief overview of the current structure of the governing body is available via the school website.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully

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Returning Officer

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