



BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Election of 3 Parent Governors - Autumn Term 2018

I am writing to let you know about an important way in which you might consider supporting the school. As many of you will know, the Governing Body has an extremely important and demanding role. It is responsible as a corporate body and not as a collection of individual governors for strategic planning, policy determination, overseeing financial performance, curricular oversight and supporting the Headteacher and his Senior Leadership Team in their drive to further raise the already excellent standards in teaching and learning.

We currently have 3 Parent Governor vacancies on the Governing Body.

The Governing Body has recently carried out a skills audit which affirms our high level of governor expertise. To further enhance our expertise, nominations from parents with a background in one or more of the following areas would be particularly welcome:

- Legal matters/employment law
- Project/property/financial management
- Marketing
- Local business and community connections

Most importantly though, we are looking for governors who have the best interests of the school at heart and are willing to contribute their time, commitment and energy to the school, whatever their own background or expertise.

If you are interested in serving as a Parent Governor you are invited to complete our 'offer to serve' form and return it to the school's Reception by 1pm on Monday, 15th October 2018. There are several ways to obtain a copy of the form: from the school website, as an attachment to this letter if received by email, or a hard copy may be obtained in person by you or your daughter from the school's Reception.

You can nominate yourself but each nomination must be signed by the candidate putting themselves forward and supported by 2 parents or carers of a pupil on the school roll. Any parent or carer who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll can stand for election, can nominate someone for election, support no more than one nomination for election and can vote in the election.

If more than 3 nominations are received there will be an election by secret ballot. It is our intention to have our 3 newly elected parent governors in place for our next Governing Body meeting on Wednesday, 5th December at 1.30pm.

If you wish to be nominated would you please enclose with your form a brief factual statement about yourself and your interest in being a governor. Should an election be necessary I shall arrange that your statement, no more than 200 words, is placed on the school website. In the event of an election

by secret ballot candidates may not withdraw from the election process once ballot papers have been issued as this may invalidate the election process.

All parents/carers over the age of 18 are eligible for election. There are some circumstances that disqualify an individual from serving as a school governor and these are listed on the school website.

The governor appointment period will be for 4 years from the date of appointment and in this instance ending on 15th October 2022, after which you could stand for re-election provided you are still the parent of a registered pupil at the school. Before putting yourself forward, please consider the time commitment involved. The Governing Body holds four full meetings each year, and Governors are expected to belong to one of our two Committees, which normally meet twice termly. Meetings of the full Governing Body are held in the afternoons commencing at 1.30pm and Committee Meetings begin at 4.30pm. It is a requirement that Governors will also become involved in school life and it is our hope that Governors arrange to visit the school outside the normal meetings schedule, for example, attending school events. All governors will become Directors of the Bournemouth School for Girls Academy, a Company Limited by Guarantee, registered at Companies House.

The outline timetable for appointments is as follows:

1. Closing date for return of Offer to Serve form **1pm on 15.10.18**

IF NO MORE THAN 3 OFFERS RECEIVED: **Appointments confirmed**

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2. Notice of election with details of Candidates posted on the school website and voting papers sent to Parents/Carers **18.10.18**
3. Closing date for return of voting papers **10am on 29.10.18**
4. The Count and Candidates notified of results **29.10.18**

Candidates are welcome to be present for the Count which will take place at 2pm
5. Parents/Carers notified of appointments **2.11.18**
6. First Governing Body meeting **Wednesday 5th December at 1.30pm**

If you are interested in standing or would like further information, you are encouraged to contact Mr Alistair Brien, Headteacher to find out more about the commitment involved.

If you know of another parent who is not in receipt of Parentmail or In Touch please do ask them to contact me with their name and email address in order that I may also send them this information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lisa McKenzie
Clerk to the Governors