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Dear parents and carers.

The staff and I hope that this letter finds you well and rested after the bright weather this weekend.

Governor opportunity

Our school's Local Governing body met recently and are keen to recruit a new parent governor to work alongside our other governors.

Our school has a local governing body who work within a scheme of delegation from the trust. Our school's governing body has three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

What skills are needed to apply for the role?

There are no particular qualifications required for the role but governors do need to be able to dedicate time to attend meetings, school visits and also access training.

Governors are also expected to write reports on their school visits and to read policies and reports on the school written by the staff.

Governors currently meet as a body six times a year. All meetings are held in school and usually start at 5.30pm and are finished around 6.45 pm. Governors are also required to visit the school during the day for link visits, ideally every term.

What do we offer?

We offer new governors a comprehensive and supportive induction, and each new governor is assigned a mentor (our current Chair who is a former headteacher and experienced governor). Full training for the role is also provided by the trust.

The term of office for all governors is four years.

What would further strengthen the school's governing body (and therefore our school)?

At present, we are particularly keen to recruit governors who:

- Have skills and knowledge in finance (to help support and challenge the school's work around budgeting);
- Have skills and knowledge in supporting and challenging our vision, so that all children, staff and our community '*achieve through kindness, compassion and perseverance*'.

However, we are happy to receive applications from anyone who is willing to give their time and feels that they can contribute in supporting the core functions of governance.

I'm interested! What next?

If you know of anyone who may be interested in the above role (or you yourself are tempted) then we would really appreciate it if you are able to contact our school office (enquiries@st-giles-matlock.derbyshire.sch.uk).

We would be happy to then have a conversation and provide further details of the role.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.





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