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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parent Governor Vacancy at Cheney School

We would like to invite parents to put themselves forward to fill a vacancy on the Cheney Governing Body for a parent governor. At Cheney School we strive to achieve a strong partnership with the parent body as we recognise that this brings great benefits to the children at the school. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. Your attendance as a governor would be required at six meetings a year (of around two hours) and some time in school working with relevant stakeholders. You may also be asked to sit on working groups which have additional meetings.

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

- teaching and learning;
- safeguarding of students;
- financial oversight.

Training and support will be available to help you develop in the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you are interested in becoming a governor please complete the applications form ([click here](#)) by 12.00 noon on **Monday 19 November**.

You should look at the information for prospective governors on the [Oxfordshire County Council website](#).

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to *an enhanced DBS check and other pre-engagement safeguarding checks*. Cheney School is part of the Community Schools Alliance Trust, and Governors of the school have delegated powers of governance.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and parents will be sent a voting paper in due course.

Yours Sincerely
Ms Shepherd
Clerk to Governors

Mr Stamper
Chair of Governors