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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy that has arisen for a parent/carer governor post to join our school's governing body. Nicola Bostock-Hayes will be stepping down at the end of this academic year. We would like to say a huge thank you for her valuable contribution to our school community.

Eligibility to vote - Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" to include:

- All natural parents, whether they are married or not; and
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Note: Given the above, it is possible in some circumstances that a child may have more than two "parents" eligible to vote. Please contact Governor Support Unit if in doubt.

<https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/governorsupport>

As well as the Headteacher & one staff governor, our governing body consists of both trust-appointed governors and co-opted governors, who are generally from outside the parent community and have an interest in helping steer children's education and their futures, and parent governors, who are elected individuals there to represent the voices of our families within the school.

For all of our governors, the term of office is four years. Please follow the instructions on the enclosed nomination form carefully and ensure that your envelopes are returned to the school office by **no later than 3.30pm on Friday 5th June 2026**. In the event that we receive more than one nomination, we will proceed to a secret ballot – details to follow.

The meetings are held once a half term on a Friday afternoon and generally run for approximately two and a half hours. The meeting schedule is published a year in advance to help plan any time off from work, if necessary and meetings are held on the school premises.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to being able to share with you the news of the successful candidate.

Kind regards,



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