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Dear Parents and Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION: NOMINATIONS

We are looking for a Parent Governor to serve on the Strategic Governing Body of Gonville Academy from September 2017. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils to nominate themselves to fill this place. (Candidates who are elected members of political parties are not eligible due to potential conflicts of interest).

Parent Governors are elected by and from other parents and are vital to our Strategic Governing Body. They share equally with other STEP Governors the responsibility for carrying out the Strategic Governing Body's wide range of responsibilities. STEP Governors do not run the Academy day-to-day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the Academy.

To make our Strategic Governing Body as efficient as possible, our current Governors have run a skills audit of the Board and have identified two areas that need to be strengthened. These are finance management/income generation experience or community relations. It is not a requirement that you have these skills to join the Strategic Governing Body, but an expertise and experience in either area would be greatly valued.

If you join our Strategic Governing Body, you will serve for a four year term and you can continue to the end of the four years even if your child/children leave the school. Being a STEP Governor does take up time. There are six Strategic Governing Body meetings each year. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective STEP Governor: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the Academies, undertaking training and updating.

Any parents/carers interested in being a STEP Governor can collect an Application Pack from the Academy Office and should make an appointment with Miss Sarah Mitchell, Head Teacher, to discuss the role.

Yours sincerely,



MISS SARAH MITCHELL
Headteacher