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Parent Governor Election

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a local parent governor. Mercedes Romero-Fernandez has successfully served in this role for the last 4 years and her term of office is now up. She has indicated that she will stand again.

Larchwood is part of the Discovery Educational Trust (DET). The DET has a board of trustees and under this each school has its own Local School's Committee (LSC). The successful candidate will serve on the Larchwood LSC. The LSC used to be known as the governing board and performs a similar function.

The LSC, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. LSCs have three core strategic functions:

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

Enclosed is the Local Governor Role Description which gives more details of the role. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the LSC's work.

Training is available for all governors and this LSC has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training.

The attached sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please arrange for the attached nomination form to be completed and returned to the school office no later than **midday on Monday 18th January 2021**. Please include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words.

If you would like paper copies of the nomination form or any of the documentation, please speak to the school office.

Parents include, the parents (natural or adoptive), any individual who has or has had 'parental responsibility' or a person who the child lives with and looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child.



If there are more nominations than vacancies an election will be held. The election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents/carers together with details of the ballot procedure.

Two copies of this pack have been issued to each household.



Mr S Bowsheer
Headteacher

