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Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you interested in becoming an Emmbrook School governor?

For many years, our School has benefited from a dedicated Governing Body which has striven to improve the School in the best interests of our school community. Over the last 12 months, several long-standing governors – most notably Dave Whiting a governor here for 27 years - have stepped down owing to other commitments.

Consequently, the Governing Body is actively seeking to identify individuals who may wish to be considered for this important voluntary role. So, if you or someone you know, is interested in joining the governor team we would be most interested in hearing from you.

The core role of the Governing Body is to provide strategic direction for the School, hold the School's senior leadership team to account for the educational performance of the School and students and to oversee the School's financial performance, ensuring its budget is well spent.

The term of office for any governor at our School is four years from appointment.

Typically, the full Governing Body meets once a term (on a Tuesday evening at the School) as does each committee. Currently, there are four committees - the Teaching, Learning and Staffing Committee, the Resources Committee, the Strategy Committee and the Student Committee. You would be expected to join one or more of these committees where you believe you can add value to the committee's work. We do set at the start of the academic year meeting dates for the whole year in advance to help governors achieve a life/work/governing body balance.

The skills you have could be very useful to our Governing Body. We are seeking volunteers who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully and work collaboratively in a team, read and digest documents, ask questions, undertake training and be able to attend and actively contribute at meetings. At present, we would particularly welcome applicants with expertise in health and safety, estate management, IT, social care or education, although this is not a pre-requisite and we would welcome your application if you otherwise match the general skill set we seek.

If the governor role is of interest to you (or someone you know) or if you require more information, please do get in touch with us or the clerk to governors, Rebecca Clarke, via the School office or by email (ahicks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk; nmcsweney@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk; rclarke@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) and we would be happy to meet to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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