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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Local Governor Vacancy – Barton Hill Academy

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If you would, why not consider becoming a governor? We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Local Governor on the Barton Hill Academy Local Governing Body.

What do Parent Local Governors do?

Barton Hill Academy Local Governing Body is a committee of the Governing Board of Venturers Trust. The Local Governing Body, together with the Principal, is accountable to the Board for performance in all areas of the Academy, which includes ensuring children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability. Local Governors will support and, at the same time, challenge the Principal by gathering views, asking questions and helping to decide what is best for the Academy.

Any candidate must be the parent or carer of a registered pupil at the Academy at the date of the election and, if elected, throughout his or her term of office. Parent Local Governors serve for a period of four years, although may resign at any time by giving notice in writing.

If you would like to put your name forward, please complete the declaration and tear-off slip at the foot of this letter, enclose a brief statement (see below), and either return it to school addressed c/o Jo Staley to Linda Corbidge (Clerk to the Local Governing Body) or email linda.corbidge@venturerstrust.org expressing your interest. All responses should be received by 12 Noon on Tuesday 13 October 2020.

Barton Hill Academy Local Governing Body has the following members:

- A Chair and Deputy Chair approved by the Board
- Two Parent Local Governors elected by other parent/carers at the Academy
- One Staff Local Governor elected by their colleagues
- Co-opted Local Governors

The responsibilities of the Parent Local Governor are to represent the interests and opinions of the Parent Body of the Academy to the LGB. If you become a Parent Local Governor you will also be taking on the following commitments to help make sure the academy is well managed;

- Share the responsibilities of the Local Governing Body as summarised above.
- Attend and participate in Local Governors' meetings regularly. The Local Governing Body generally meet five times a year at 4.00 pm. Meetings should last no more than 2 hours.
- Become involved and get to know the academy
- Undergo appropriate training
- You may also be invited to sit on appointment panels or attend events at the Academy.
- You will be required to apply for a DBS enhanced disclosure.
- Respect confidentiality at all times.

It is important to remember that all Local Governors, appointed or elected, serve in their own right and not as a delegate of the people who appointed or elected them.

The timescale for electing the new Local Governor is as follows:-

Paper nominations to Jo Staley/Linda Corbidge (c/o the school) or by emailing linda.corbidge@venturerstrust.org to express your interest.

- **by 12 noon (Tuesday 13 October 2020)**

If more nominations are received than there are vacancies:

- A secret ballot will be held and voting papers together with candidates' brief statements will be issued to all parent/carers.

If the number of nominations received are equal to or less than the number of vacancies there will be no need to hold a ballot and the candidate(s) will be elected.

Linda Corbidge
Clerk to the Local Governing Body

Parent Local Governor – Barton Hill Academy Local Governing Body

I wish to serve as a Parent Local Governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I confirm that I have read and signed the Local Governor Declaration of Eligibility and that I am eligible to serve as a Parent Local Governor.

Name _____

Email: _____ Tel. No: _____

Name of child (ren) attending Barton Hill Academy

Signed _____ Date _____

I enclose a brief statement about myself [max 200 words] for circulation to voters should this be necessary.

This form should be returned to Linda Corbidge, Clerk to LGB by Tuesday 13 October.

Declaration of eligibility to become a governor in Venturers Trust

Please tick the boxes

- I am aged 18 or over.
- I do not already hold governorship of an academy in Venturers Trust . Please note that if you are applying for re-appointment, this information relates to the period when your current term of office ends.
- I am not liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- I am not a bankrupt or subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- I have not been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, from being concerned in the management or control of any body.
- I am not included on the barred list the list of teachers and workers with children or young persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted.
- I am not disqualified from being the proprietor of any independent school or from being a teacher or other employee in a school.
- I have not, in the five years prior to applying to be a governor, received a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or otherwise, for a minimum of three months without the option of a fine.
- I have not, in the twenty years prior to applying to be a governor, been previously convicted of any offence and had passed on me a sentence of imprisonment for a minimum of two and a half years.
- I have not, at any time, had passed on me a sentence of imprisonment for a minimum of five years.
- I have not, in the five years prior to applying to become a governor, been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on education premises.
- I am not subject to a disqualification order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.
- My estate has not been sequestered.
- I am not the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: