



Parent Governor Election



1st March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a parent of two former pupils, I have known for some time that Herne Bay Junior School is a special place. This knowledge is reaffirmed by the compliments received from the advisors, inspectors, parents of prospective pupils, and teachers from other schools who come to visit. All highlight the warmth and positive disposition of the children, of their keenness to learn, to share and to participate.

As co-chair of the governing body, I know that such compliments are hard won given the challenges that the School must overcome to sustain such a bright and productive environment. Like all schools, it works in an uncertain funding climate, must support an inclusive but challenging curriculum, and ensure that academic achievement does not overshadow mental and physical well-being. Parental input into how the School is run helps maintain balance and realism, and ensures that the needs of the children come before everything else. Our parent governors shape the values and ethos of the School, help build the path to higher pupil achievement, aspiration and resilience, and help the School to remain a core element of the Town's lifeblood.

Parent governors need to be objective and critical, as well as creatively-minded and willing to commit one evening and a few hours during the day each term. We have two parent governor vacancies on our governing body, and I ask you to get in touch with me via the School office if you would like to know more about becoming a governor. You will find the governing body welcoming, inclusive and respectful. Please consider joining us.

With my thanks and best wishes,

Professor David Wilkinson
Co-Chair of Governors