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Dear parents and carers,

A vacancy has become available for a parent governor to sit on the Governing Body for Darlinghurst Academy. If you would like further information regarding this position, please contact Mrs Lowe – mrslowe@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

The role of the governing body

The academy's governing body provide confident and strategic leadership, creating robust accountability. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous academy improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you will work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body. You will need:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

It is important that boards are diverse so that there is not a danger of group-think and that decisions are made robustly with input from people with a variety of lived experiences – as well as varied skills. It's also vital that children see people of all backgrounds in these positions. Diverse governing bodies help ensure effective governance, which leads to improved educational outcomes for children.

There is an expectation that as a school governor, you will attend meetings every term at Darlinghurst Academy with meetings starting at 7.45am.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E. Nicholls
Principal