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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Exciting Opportunity to Become Part of Hungerhill School's Local Governing Board

As a school, we currently have vacancies for Governors with the following skillsets:

- Strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Inquisitiveness, good interpersonal skills and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- Appropriate levels of literacy in English [unless your board is prepared to make special arrangements]
- Sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data
- A specific skill that we require to ensure our board delivers effective governance. For example: Health and Safety, Human Resources, Safeguarding, Estates Management, IT, Finance etc.

### What is a School Governor?

School Governors have a varied and important role, in helping our school run effectively. They have 3 core functions:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the Headteacher or school leadership to account

The Governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's Headteacher and the leadership team to drive school improvement. They champion the work the school does.

### Our Governing Board

Our board consists of 10 people and we meet all together 7 times per year – sometimes in person and sometimes via Teams. The majority of our Governors also hold a Link Governor role, which entails termly visits to allow them to scrutinise this particularly aspect of the school. Link Governor roles are for the following areas; SEND, Pupil Premium, Governor CPD/Training, Safeguarding, Careers, School Visits and Health and Safety.

Our Governors come from our local community and in their role they:

- get to know the school, including visiting the school occasionally during school hours and in agreement with the headteacher, and gaining a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses
- attend induction training and regular relevant training and development events



- attend meetings (full Governing Board meetings and committee meetings) and read all the documentation prior to the meeting
- act in the best interests of all the students of the school
- behave in a professional manner, as set down in the Governing Board's code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence

Being a school Governor is a commitment and a responsibility but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community.

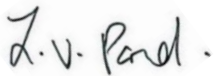
### Do I need to have certain qualifications?

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 Governing Body's work.

### How do I apply?

If it's something you might be interested in, we hope you'll apply, by sending your expression of interest, via the following Microsoft Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/hhMEg5sFEc> Once you have contacted the school, a meeting will be scheduled with the Headteacher and the CEO.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Pond  
Headteacher

