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12 January 2024

To: **All Parents/Carers of Registered Students at Ken Stimpson Academy**

Dear Parent/Carer

Notice of Parent governor election

- *Would you like to be more involved in your child's education?*
- *Are you interested in shaping the future for young people?*
- *Are you willing to challenge, support and ask questions?*

Ken Stimpson Academy currently has two vacancies for a Parent Governor. Governor appointments are always made by election and the parent body is invited to apply for one of the current vacancies. The term of office would be for 4 years.

A testimonial from an existing Governor is attached. This should give Parents considering applying an insight into life as a Governor and how fulfilling the role can be. 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 Local Governing Committee's work. Training is available free of charge for all Governors and there is an expectation that those new to being a Governor attend induction training.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the first day of the elections, 12 January 2024.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school **no later than 3.00 pm on Thursday 25 January 2024**. You should also include a short personal statement to support your nomination which should be no longer than 250 words.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Whales

Headteacher

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Headteacher: Damien Whales, Ken Stimpson Academy is a school within the Four Cs Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

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Parent Governors are elected by the parents/carers of students, on roll at the school, at the time of the election. They must be parents/carers of students on the school roll themselves to stand for election. The term of office for Parent Governors is four (4) years unless varied for the Parent Governor category on the instrument of government. Parent Governors do not have to stand down if their child leaves the school during their period of office, although they may do so if they wish. Parents may stand for re-election at the end of their term of office if they still have a child on the school roll.

Governors must be aged 18 or over at the date they are elected or appointed. There is no upper age limit for serving as a Governor. Elected members of the Local Authority and those who work at the school for more than 500 hours (ie for more than one third) in a year are not eligible to be Parent Governors but can vote in the election if they have a child on the school roll.

*For the purpose of the election for Parent Governors, the principles of the **Children Act 1989** suggest that all those with a parental responsibility for a student (which may include separated or divorced parents, foster parents, and guardians) be entitled to stand and to vote.*

GOVERNOR DISQUALIFICATIONS

No-one may serve as a Governor or associate member who:

- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced*
- is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)*
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body*
- is included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people*
- is barred from any regulated activity relating to children*
- is disqualified from working with children or from registering for childminding or providing day care*
- is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State*
- has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a Governor or since becoming a Governor*
- has received a prison sentence of two years or more in the twenty years before becoming a Governor*
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more*
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a Governor.*
- refuses a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) for an Enhanced DBS certificate*



KEN STIMPSON ACADEMY
Staniland Way, Werrington, Peterborough, PE4 6JT

**Parent Governor Election
Nomination Form**

Please return to the Headteacher, Ken Stimpson Academy by 3.00 pm on Thursday 25 January 2024

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Parent/Carer Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Children in Year(s) _____

Why I would like to be a Parent Governor and what I feel I could contribute to the Local Governing Committee of Ken Stimpson Academy. *(Please provide a brief statement of no more than 250 words, giving autobiographical information and any other such information which you feel would inform the electorate. You should not state that you are endorsed or supported by any group or association).*

I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor at Ken Stimpson Academy.

Name of Candidate:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Want to get involved and be part of our Team?

Hello Parents!

We are now looking to recruit new Parent Governors to join our committed and dynamic team. My name is Angela Stacey and I became a Parent Governor many years ago.

Looking back, I suppose my reason for becoming a Governor was to give something back for the opportunities that Ken Stimpson had given to my daughter who enjoyed her time at the school very much. She was offered a place at York university to study History but ultimately did not take it up and went into the workplace. After my term as a Parent Governor I became a Co-opted Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding. I have also been Chair of Resources Committee and Vice-Chair of Governors during my tenure.

Being a Parent Governor is a huge privilege that brings with it a real chance to help make a difference and to assist in the practice, processes and policy making that makes the school the best it can be for our young people. Initially there is quite a bit to learn but there is plenty of support and training provided and you will soon find your feet and develop the skills needed to carry out the role of "Critical Friend" to the school. Apart from the Local Governing Committee, there are many other opportunities to get involved in school life, such as being part of the interviewing panel for new teaching staff.

One of the most rewarding parts of the role is meeting our fantastic students during Governor Visits or at special events such as the school play, talent show or open evenings. I am proud to be part of their school and would encourage you to get involved too. If you have any questions about becoming a Parent Governor, I am happy to talk to you and can be contacted through the school via the Clerk to Governors.

Angela Stacey