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Dear Parent/Carer,

Election of Parent Governors,

As you are aware, the school is in the process of joining the Diocese of Canterbury Multi Academy Trust. We are still awaiting the final date for our conversion but as part of this new chapter for our school we have many exciting developments ahead. One of the key developments is the creation of a new Local Governing Body for the school and so I am writing to you all asking if you will consider standing for election as a parent governor.

The Governing Body has three key responsibilities:

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**
- b. Holding the Principal to account for the educational performance of the Academy and its pupils; and**
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the Academy and making sure its money is well spent.**

At Reculver, all these responsibilities are carried out in the context of the school's distinctive ethos as a Church of England school.

Being a governor requires a significant commitment but comes with great reward. You will need some time to offer during the day and in the evening and a willingness to learn. Training is available to help you understand the role and the IEB will support new members during the transition. The main thing you need is a passion for making a real difference to the school and its wider community.

If you are interested in applying please write to me at the school with your name, a contact telephone number, who your child is and a short personal statement. It needs to include your reasons for wanting to be a parent governor and what skills and experience you believe you can bring to the governing body. This statement should be no longer than 150 words. Once we receive your statement, we will arrange for all interested parties to meet with some of the members of the IEB to discuss the role and answer any questions that you may have.

We have two vacancies, and an election may be called if there are more expressions of interest than vacancies. Copies of the personal statements provided will be sent to all the parents to elect the person they would like to be on the Body. We will write to you again once the election is due to commence with voting forms and when votes will need to be returned. Each parent will have one vote for each vacancy, no matter how many children he or she has at the school.

Appointment as a governor requires a Disclosure and Barring Service check and your appointment will be subject to a satisfactory outcome of that check.

This is an exciting time for our school and would prove a great opportunity for you to use your existing expertise, develop new skills and help make our school the very best that it can be. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr Fox** at the school. He will be happy to discuss them with you.

We are also looking for other people to join the body if they can offer particular skills, so if you know someone beyond the school gates who might also be interested in joining, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

I look forward to receiving your application. Please return this to me via the school office by **25th November 2014**.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Richard Webster

Chair of the Interim Executive Board