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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good summer break and that your children have settled into the new term and all the excitement and challenges on offer.

As you will know the Governing Body includes in its numbers representatives of the parents/carers. The present Constitution for the school allows for 2 parent governors. These positions are at present held by David Rowlands and Nick Latham. This November, Nick Latham comes to the end of his term as a governor and with his son, Freddie, moving on from sixth form at the end of last term, he has decided that he will not be renewing his position. Nick has been a hard working and committed member of the Governing Body for many years and will be much missed by the governors.

We now have a vacancy on the Governing body which we are very keen to fill.

I am sure you will have noticed the wonderful work being done by Annemari Ottridge and her team and this is a great opportunity to see in more detail how the school is run, participate in moving it on to an ever improving provision, and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of governors committed to ensuring the quality of the school. The following link to the National Governors Association gives a good in summary of being a governor [www.nga.org.uk](http://www.nga.org.uk). Just click on Be A Governor!

Governors at Lonsdale attend 6 full Governing Body meetings a year and in addition sit on one of either the Resources or Strategy committee which also meet 6 times a year. If you are thinking of being a governor, please contact me on [hhanbury@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hhanbury@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk) so we can discuss it further.

I would be keen to hear from all those interested by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November if possible as that will enable me to get governors in place by the end of term. If we end up with several parents wishing to stand as new governors, we will hold a parent election so that you can all choose who your representative on the Governing Body becomes.

Please do contact me if you have any queries.

I look forward to your responses!

Best wishes

Helen Hanbury  
Chair of Governors