



GARTON ON THE WOLDS C.E. (V.C.) SCHOOL

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Tuesday, 10 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, from 1st September 2025, a newly formed Federated Governing Body will be in place to support both Garton on the Wolds and Barmby Moor Primary Schools. This follows the planned dissolution of the current individual governing bodies on 31st August 2025.

As part of this transition, we are now inviting nominations for two Parent Governor vacancies on the new Federated Governing Body. This is a valuable opportunity for parents to play a key role in supporting and shaping the future of both schools within the federation.

Parent Governors serve as an important link between the schools and the wider parent community. They help ensure the governing body remains connected to the views and needs of families, while also acting as a critical friend—offering support and constructive challenge to school leaders to help both schools thrive.

Please see a quote from a current Parent Governor at Barmby Moor School:-

Being a school Parent Governor is a deeply rewarding experience that allows you to make a meaningful impact on children's education while growing personally and professionally. It offers the chance to help shape the school's future, support its leadership, and ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed. As a Parent Governor, you bring your own perspective and skills to the team making key decisions on school strategy, policies, performance, improvement plans and finances whilst holding the leadership team to account for delivering the highest standards of education coupled with staff and pupil wellbeing. In doing so, you'll gain valuable insights into education, develop leadership and governance skills, and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from giving back to your community in a truly significant way. Full Governor's meetings take place once per term with a few additional other ad hoc meetings throughout the year. No experience in school governance is needed as full training is given and friendly help and support along the way are readily available.

Louise Womersley - Parent Governor

If you are interested in standing for election, or would like to nominate another parent, please see further details below regarding the nomination process. We encourage anyone who has a genuine interest in the education and well-being of all children across our schools to consider this rewarding role.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming new members to the Federated Governing Body and working together to support our schools' ongoing success.

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Parent Governors are elected by their fellow parents and are vital to the Governing Body because they ensure that governors are kept in touch with the concerns and issues of most importance to our parents.

An active, supportive governing body is the foundation of a good school, and they, together with staff and parents, can ensure Garton on the Wolds and Barmby Moor Schools are successful, thriving educational establishments.

If you require any further information regarding the role of a Governor, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to Mr Baxter.

The rest of this letter contains details of the practical and legal aspects of our election.

A parent governor must have a child of statutory school age at the beginning of the school year, September 2025. A 'parent,' for the purpose of election, is a person with 'parental responsibility', as defined in the Children Act 1989, and includes married parents, mothers of non-marital children and divorced or separated parents. It may also include unmarried fathers who may acquire parental responsibility by agreement with the mother or by means of a court order. Guardians and non-parents in respect of whom a residence order is made and local authorities, in respect of whom a care order is made, may also acquire parental responsibility.

There are circumstances which disqualify parents from standing for election to the Governing Body, but not from proposing or voting candidates. Briefly, these are where a person has been judged bankrupt, or has been convicted of a criminal offence during the last 5 years for which a prison sentence (suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months was imposed, without the option of a fine.

For the purpose of proposing candidates a nomination slip is available on the school website. If you require a hard copy of the nomination form, please contact the school office. Nominations forms must be completed and returned to the school office and received by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday 24th June. Those parents nominated and seconded and who have indicated their willingness to stand for election by signing the nomination slip may submit brief biographical details (maximum of between 70 and 100 words) for circulation with ballot papers.

On the closing date for the receipt of nominations, if there are just two nominations then those parents will be duly elected unopposed. If there are more than two candidates, an election by secret ballot will be held across the schools.

Ballot papers will be sent to parents eligible to vote for return to the school office, in a sealed envelope, within seven days of their despatch. Each parent has one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children at school.

The date and time for the count will be Monday 7th July at 3.30 p.m. and nominees are invited to attend the opening of the ballot box and subsequent count. An independent witness will be present during the count.

The parents polling the highest numbers of votes will be declared duly elected to the Federated governing body.

The result of the election (or if any election was not necessary, the names of the parents elected) will be circulated to all parents as soon as possible after the count. I look forward to receiving your nominations.

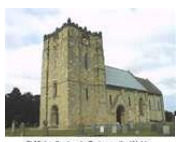
Yours sincerely

J Baxter

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Executive Headteacher

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