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Dear Parent/Carer

 @PrioryCSA

Re: Vacancy for Parent/Carer Academy Member (Governor)

The Academy Council (Governing Body) is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The Academy Council (Governing Body) carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The Academy Council (Governing Body) of our school is made up of Parent Members, Staff Members, Community Members (Governors).

Several vacancies have arisen for a Parent Member (Governors) on our academy Council (Governing Body). The Academy Council (Governing Body) is asking you to apply yourself or nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Members (Governors) need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. If you are someone with the required experience, would you consider applying? Members (Governors) also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information.

Our Academy Council (Governing Body) expects Governors to

- attend termly meetings of the Full Governing Body
- sit on committee and attend the meetings which are usually once a term
- visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least
- visit the school informally
- commit to attend training courses

In return, our Academy Council (Governing Body) commits to

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training
- provide you with an experienced governor as mentor

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email Tania.Caulfield@pcsa.org.uk or ring me on 01934 529362 with your contact details and I will pass on your details to the Chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

Kind regards

Tania Caulfield
Clerk to the Academy Council (Governing Body)



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