



Dear parents and carers,

We have two vacancies for elected parent governors on the governing body. We have undertaken a skills audit of the governing body and have identified two particular areas of expertise that we need to strengthen, so we would particularly welcome interest from parents with these skills:

- **Qualified accountant or finance professional** – a parent who has a professional background in finance/accounting, ideally with some experience of public sector or education/local authority finance
- **Data analysis and interpretation** – a parent with experience and skills in using quantitative data, ideally with some experience of schools performance data and its use in school improvement

At Lymm High School we place high value on the contribution made by the seven elected parent governors on the governing body. They bring objectivity to the role, acting as a representative rather than a delegate of the parents, promoting the best interests of all the children in the school and not those of their own child(ren) or other individuals. They have regard to the broader responsibilities expected as a governor of a public institution regarding promoting accountability for its actions and performance. Whilst it is a voluntary role, it is one which we all try to approach with professionalism.

School governance demands considerable time and effort from everyone involved, and we can discuss the time commitment involved with you in more detail. In return, successful parent governors can expect to be challenged and stimulated, developing a deeper understanding of current issues in education. Successful schools are transformational; you will be integral to one of the most pivotal organisations in our community.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact Mrs Helena Headon, Clerk to the Governors (email hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk; tel 01925 750707). She can provide an information pack and arrange an opportunity for you to speak informally with Rebecca Knowles, vice chair or myself about what is involved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Walshe'.

Kieran Walshe
Chair of governors