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Dear parents and carers

### Opportunities to join the school governing body

We have three vacancies for parent governors on the governing body. We undertake a regular skills audit of the governing body and we have identified some areas of expertise that we need to strengthen. No experience of governance is needed, as we offer training and a buddy system for our new governors. We would particularly welcome interest from parents with the following skills and experience:

- **Qualified accountant or finance professional** – a parent who has a professional background and qualification in finance/accounting, ideally with some experience of public sector or education/local authority finance
- **Buildings and construction, facilities management-** a parent with a professional background in this industry, ideally in the public sector
- **Qualified member of the legal profession**
- **Community focused** - a parent who is active in the Lymm community, with links with local organisations and businesses

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. We offer training and a buddy system for those new to governance.

School governance demands considerable time (much of it during the school day) 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. It can also be great fun! Successful schools are transformational; you will be integral to one of the most pivotal organisations in the Lymm community.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact Mrs Helena Headon, Clerk to the Governors (email [hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:hheadon@lymmhigh.org.uk); tel 01925 750707) by Friday 18th October. 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 faithfully

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Chair of governors

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