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Dear parents and carers

Opportunities to join the school governing body

We have 2 vacancies for parent governors on the governing body.

We undertake a regular skills audit of the governing body and so we are particularly looking for candidates with skills and knowledge in the fields of public sector finance and personnel and HR. In addition, we have identified some areas of diversity and representation that we need to continue to strengthen. We are looking to increase the diversity of our Governing Body, especially with regard to ensuring a broader and more inclusive perspective on ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability. We would also welcome interest from parents who know the Lymm community well and share our passionate commitment to the importance of offering an excellent education to all the young people who attend Lymm High School. No experience of governance is needed, as we offer training and a buddy system for our new governors.

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 (much of it during the school day - committee meetings take place from 8am until 10 am for example) and effort from everyone involved. We will 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; tel 01925 750707) by **Monday 3rd June**. She can provide an information pack and arrange for you to speak informally with Rebecca Knowles who is vice chair or myself about what is involved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Green', with a long, sweeping underline.

Liz Green
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