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In love with Christ: Be the best I can, Be kind to one another.

Parent Governor Nomination Letter

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Dear parents & carers,

With the announcement of the dissolution of the Federated Governing Body of St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery (including Field of Dreams Day Nursery), we must now prepare the transition towards having our own Governing Body. Our first step is to recruit a second parent governor.

I am writing to invite you to stand for election as a parent or carer of St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School. We currently have one Parent Governor Vacancy, the term of office of which is 4 years and we are seeking nominations from those who would like to serve their children's school.

The role of the governing board

Governors work together to:

- Develop a vision
- Oversee financial performance and ensure that money is well spent
- Hold the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- Engage with pupils, staff, parents / carers and the wider community to understand their views.

Who can stand for election?

To be able to volunteer you need to be a parent, carer (or someone who has parental responsibility) for a child at St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School. You do not need any specific qualifications.

To fulfil the role, you will need to:

- Attend Full Governors meetings (a minimum of 6 each year)
- Attend committee meetings (1 per half term)
- Visit the schools occasionally
- Take part in induction training and ongoing development

Every governing body needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. The governors would welcome applications from parents or carers who are representative of our school communities. Please note this is a voluntary role and therefore it is not a paid position.



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How to apply

If you would like to apply, please complete the nomination form below and return it no later than Tuesday 5th May 2026 to:

cuthberts-ao@st-cuthberts.liverpool.sch.uk

Alternatively, you are welcome to hand your nomination into the school office.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will conduct a ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers and instructions will be sent to parents & carers.

Yours sincerely

Claire Bellis-Knox
Head Teacher

Eligibility and disqualifications to serve as a maintained school parent governor:

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor if they:

- are employed at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12 consecutive months;
- are an elected member of the Local Authority.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if they:

- are a registered pupil at the school;
- have failed to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months;
- have been disqualified for failing to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months whilst serving as a foundation, local authority, co-opted or partnership governor at the school in the last 12 months;
- have had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- are subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

- an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which they were responsible; or to which they were privy; or to which they contributed, or they facilitated by their conduct; or
- have been removed, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999);
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 (or any other disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction);
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;
- are barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006;
- are disqualified from working with children under sections 28, 29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- have been convicted of any offence and received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- have been convicted of any offence and received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- have been convicted of any offence at any time and received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- have been convicted of an offence and sentenced to a fine under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor; have refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate.

