



Sir Thomas Abney Primary School

Board of Governors

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NOTICE OF PARENT/CARER GOVERNOR ELECTION – Extension of Deadline

The deadline for nominations to join the governing body of Sir Thomas Abney as a Parent Governor has been extended. We have become aware that the deadline prior to the Christmas Break was too short to allow enough time for some parents to submit their nominations. We would like as many parents to feel they have the opportunity to nominate themselves for this very rewarding post and we have decided to extend the **deadline to Tuesday 31st January 2017**.

We currently have 2 vacancies for elected Parent Governors on the Sir Thomas Abney Primary School Governing Body. Please consider nominating yourself to fill one of the vacancies. Parents and carers of children on the register at Sir Thomas Abney Primary School are eligible unless they are an elected member of Hackney Council, work at the school for more than 500 hours during the school year or have a criminal record. Your child may be in any year - from nursery through year 6. If you're interested please fill in a nomination form and provide a short statement of no more than 300 words telling us a bit about yourself and why you want to be a Governor at Sir Thomas Abney Primary School.

Although Governors are not involved in the day-to-day running of the school they play an important role in agreeing to the strategic direction of the school and ensuring that the school meets the needs of all its pupils. They hold the school to account for pupils' progress, agree the school's budget including how the school spends its Pupil Premium and Primary Sports Grants. Governors are on Human Resources panels, hiring the Headteacher and taking part in hiring other senior, middle leaders and teachers, agreeing the staffing structure and sitting on various panels including parental complaint or HR issues as they come up. They can also be linked to a middle or senior leader, meeting with them and reporting back to the Governing Body about their area of responsibility.

The term of office for a Parent Governor is 4 years. You remain a Governor for the entire term, even if your child leaves Sir Thomas Abney. Of course, if your circumstances change before the end of your term, you are free to step down. Please note that if you do not attend meetings Full Governing Body meetings for 2 terms without notifying the clerk or chair in advance of the meeting or have the Governing Body agree to your absence your place on the Governing Body will lapse and you will not be eligible to be on the Sir Thomas Abney Primary School Governing Body in the future.

Nominations will only be accepted on the attached nomination form. Please leave completed forms including the personal statement at the school office or email them to governors@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk **Closing date for nominations is Tuesday 31st**

January 2017. If we receive more nominations than vacancies we will hold an election. If an election is necessary further information will follow.

Being a School Governor is one of the most rewarding voluntary positions one can hold. The most important skill a Governor should have is the willingness to learn and the time to attend meetings and training. There is training through Governor Services at Hackney Learning Trust as well as online and through the Governing Body.

If you have any questions about being a Parent Governor at Sir Thomas Abney Primary School you can contact me at lisa.neidich@talk21.com. For more information on being a School Governor you can look online at The Hackney School Governors' Association website www.hasga.org.uk or The National Governors' Association website at www.nga.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Returning Officer