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Dear Parent,

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body for the University Academy of Engineering South Bank (Academy). The governing body is asking you to nominate yourself or someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school for the role of parent governor.

A parent governor should be a parent, or individual exercising parental responsibility of a registered pupil at the Academy or where this is not reasonably practical, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age. Your role as a parent governor is no different to that of the other governors. You have equal rights and status as other governors and you are not restricted in your role to matters of parental interest.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved.

The governing body is responsible for promoting high standards for the University Academy of Engineering South Bank (Academy). The governing body provides focused governance at a local level and monitors the key performance indicators for the school. It does this by building an in-depth knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The governing body of our school is made up of the Principal of the Academy, parent governors, and governors appointed by South Bank Academies.

Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. Governors also need the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Governors are asked to:

- attend five local governing body meetings within the academic year
- prepare for and make an active contribution at the meetings of the local governing body;
- sit on either the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Learning and Teaching Committee or the Welfare Committee and attend the meetings which are usually held once a term
- champion the Academy in the local community;
- familiarise themselves with the Academy's policies;
- visit the Academy both during school hours (with the prior agreement of the Principal) and for evening events to get to know the Academy and to be visible to the Academy community; and
- attend, where possible, training sessions for governors.

In return, our governing body commits to

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training via Southwark Council
- provide informal feedback on your contribution to the governing body on an annual basis

In the event that the number of nominees is more than the available places on the local governing body an election will be held to determine the suitable candidate.

If you would like to be considered for the role of parent governor, please provide me with a short statement about why you are interested in the role, along with a short paragraph on your background and experience that makes you suitable for the role by Friday, 10th November 2017.

Should you have any questions or would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email me with your contact details and I will pass on your details to the chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

Yours sincerely

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