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## Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### ***Can you help shape the future of our school?***

We need volunteers from parents and members of Our Lady of the Rosary parish to make a difference in our school's community by becoming **parent or foundation governors of our school**. Your voice is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents and the parish community among its membership.

### **Information about the role**

Once elected or appointed for a term of four years, a parent or foundation governor takes on the role of a school governor, a public volunteer. All governors are equal, no category of governor is any more important or influential than any other. Parent governors exercise a strategic parental voice on the governing body. Please note foundation governors must be baptised Catholics.

### **What can you offer as a governor?**

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment.
- Your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change, and wanting to make a difference.
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add further and different perspectives to school matters.

### **What are the benefits?**

- Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a small but very important part in an educational system with a very long history.
- The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supported the school's staff.
- A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching or leading on a key school issue.
- The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information, please contact the school office by emailing [olotr@durhamlearning.net](mailto:olotr@durhamlearning.net) and either myself or Mrs. Sutherland will get back to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Graham  
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