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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 and either myself or Mrs. Sutherland will get back to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Graham
Acting Executive headteacher