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Dear Parents / Carers

Please see attached a letter from Simon Knight inviting applications for two parent governor vacancies.

You may have seen a lot of comment in the media in recent months regarding the Government's desire to see schools' governing bodies having a greater breadth of skills and experience, and to that end, the Governing Body would welcome anyone with any form of commercial, finance, large public organisation or entrepreneurial experience. The Governing Body would particularly welcome applications from individuals with legal or IT management experience.

The Governing Body would also like to hear from anyone with relevant experience in any field who would be prepared to assist the Governors on an ad hoc / occasional consultancy basis, but not as a Governor. This may be parents who are unable / unwilling to become parent governors, other family members or members of the wider community. Please email me if you feel you can help in any way.

So why become a Governor? Apart from the obvious aspects of being able to influence the future direction of the school and better understand your child's education, becoming a Governor provides all sorts of professional development opportunities. You will effectively become a Non-Executive Director for one of the largest employers in Great Dunmow, which has revenues in excess of £8 million per year. As a Banker and as a Parent Governor since 2011, I continue to find the role of Governor both challenging and rewarding. If any parent has any questions or wishes to understand the role and responsibilities of a Governor in more detail, please feel free to get in touch.

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Chairman of Governors

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