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JONESBORO'PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr Donal Keenan

Thursday, 14 March 2024

A Thuismitheoirí / Dear Parents

On 9th January I wrote to parents asking for people to think about joining our school's Board of Governors.

The Department of Education and the Education Authority have requested all schools to contact parents and indeed non-parents to ask for volunteers again. This is open to anyone from the local area be they parents, grandparents, past pupils, never a pupileven Man U supporters!!

They are encouraging applications from a diverse range of people from various backgrounds with different skills and experiences.

It would be nice if we could introduce some 'new blood' onto our Governing body and especially from people who are interested in the education that children from the wider Jonesboro' area, in particular , receive moving forward.

All applications to either DENI or to the EANI are confidential. No other people including staff will know whether you have applied or not!

Later in the year we will be inviting parents to put their names forward for the position of parent governor but it doesn't matter whether people join following a request by the school's Trustee (Fr Seamus), through the Department website, the Education Authority website or through the parent governor election. Once you are appointed you are the same as all other governors. So we would encourage as many people as possible to apply. You can always change your mind later as well, should you wish.

Applicants interested in applying to become a school governor can apply for DE governor positions at

https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/school-governor-appointments

and for EA positions at

https://www.eani.org.uk/school-governance/becoming-a-school-governor. A range of content has been published on the DE, EA and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) websites and social media platforms......".

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