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Dear Parents/Carers,

Vacancy on the Local Advisory Board at Thames View Infants

I'm excited to inform you that the Local Advisory Board (previously known as the Governing Body) at Thames View Infants has a vacancy for a Parent Advisor. It's important for all Schools to have Parent Representation on the LAB. Parents/Carers are in school nearly every day. They see and hear what's going on and all have a vested interest in helping our school to thrive and go from strength to strength. Working in partnership with the Headteacher as a Parent Advisor, Parents can help make a real difference to the success of the school - for our children and the greater community.

Why is Thames View Infants so Special?

When Ofsted visited us, they remarked how Thames View Infants is a really exceptional place: we are "not like most schools". There is a certain special vibrancy – a "sparkle" – which largely comes from the positive connections that my Staff have with our Parents and specifically, our Children. The backbone of our success is our **Local Advisory Body** who understand this "sparkle" – **made up mostly of local people who care and volunteer time and energy to our Academy**, to help do the best for our children.

Parent Advisors are elected by their fellow parents. They are valuable because they keep other governors in touch with the issues which concern the pupils' parents. They also work in partnership with Paul and other LAB Members to make sure we meet all our statutory obligations, help forge the direction of our Academy and make sure we continue to do our best for our Community.

Have you got what it takes?

Being a Parent Advisor is a rewarding job. Parent Advisors need to know the school well – inside and out, so free time is important. We empower members of the LAB not to "take our word for it" and encourage them to come into school to see what we're working on at first-hand. Advisors

meet formally each half term, currently on Tuesdays between 9-11:30am (although this sometimes changes). We usually start with a learning walk and a discussion about what has been observed and then follow an agenda centred on Learning and Teaching. Having sufficient time to commit to these meetings is essential.

We support our Parent Advisors tremendously. We value the voluntary contribution of our Advisors, and in return offer high-quality training, advice and support as well. If you have, like me, the drive and passion for our school and the free time, we'll help you do the rest.

If that sounds like you, then please complete and submit the LAB Parent Advisor form which is now available on ParentMail.

All parents, including carers, of registered pupils at the Academy can apply, with the following exceptions:

- anyone who is an elected Councillor,
- anyone who is employed by a Local Authority (or their relative), or
- anyone who is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year.

Please note that the closing date to submit your application form for this vacancy is 12pm on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

An election will be arranged if the number of applications is more than the number of vacancies.

I do so hope to hear from you! Together, let's make our Academy even better!

Yours sincerely

Paul Jordan
Headteacher