The Holy Trinity Academy Committee is responsible for both the conduct of the school, for promoting high standards and protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the school. The Academy Committee carries out its role by working within the vision set by the Pope Francis Catholic Multi-Academy Company Board and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving this vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. The Academy Committee of our school is made up of 7 Foundation Members (appointed by the Archbishop), 1 Principal Member (Headteacher), 2 Parent Members and 2 Staff Members.

The Holy Trinity Academy Committee wishes to appoint two parent Committee members. The Academy Committee is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If it receives more than two nominations, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Committee Members need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children, and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Academy Committee. If you are someone with specific skills such as management, recruitment or finance, for example, would you consider applying? Committee members also need what is known as ‘soft skills’ – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All Committee Members are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Our Academy Committee expects members to

* attend 3 or 4 meetings per year of the Academy Committee
* consider sitting on sub-committees with an additional 3–4 meetings per year
* visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least once a year
* visit the school informally at least three times a year
* commit to attend training courses, perform additional research as required, and take part in monitoring at least one area within the school.

In return, our Academy Committee commits to

* provide you with a structured induction
* provide access to quality training and
* provide you with an experienced Academy member as mentor.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email me with your contact details and I will pass on your details to the Academy Committee Chair who will then arrange a time for a conversation.

Deborah Webb, Returning Officer (or Clerk to Academy Holy Trinity- Cathy Pickford)

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