



**Parent Governor Election
St Thomas a Becket Catholic
College, Wakefield**

Dear Parent,

Two Parent Governor vacancies have arisen on the Governing Body of the School. These vacancies will be filled by election. Parent Governors serve for four years and support the school in a variety of ways in addition to attending governing body meetings. It is a very important and worthwhile job! You don't need special skills or experience but you should be interested and willing to become involved.

All parents of pupils at the school can stand for election, except those who are:

- **employed at the school for 500 hours or more in a year; or**
- **elected members of the local education authority.**

*If you are interested in being a parent governor, you can nominate yourself or, with their permission, another parent with a child at the school. **Simply download a nomination form and return it by FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2011. You can always collect or request a form from school on 01924 303545.***

If there are more candidates than vacancies, an election will be needed and ballot forms will be sent to you together with details of the candidates. All parents of pupils at the school have a vote.

Please note that there are important restrictions on who can become a governor and the LA is empowered to carry out a check on the successful candidate to ensure that they are not disqualified e.g. are below 18 years of age at the date of the election, bankrupts and those sentenced to a term of three months, or more, in prison in the last five years.

Further advice on eligibility, or the work of governing bodies, can be obtained from the Headteacher or Donna Callon (School Governor Services) on telephone 01924 305609.