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Dear Governors

In recent months the Education Scrutiny Committee have been working closely with the Governor Support & Development Service, to carry out a review of School Governors. In particular the review is looking at ways of encouraging an improved level of community involvement and of maximizing Governor's diversity and skills.

We recently wrote to all governors explaining the work of the Committee enclosing a survey, and were pleased at the high number of responses received. However, although a majority of Governors responded, not all the questions on the survey were completed.

We recognised that there may be a numbers for reasons for this and at a recently held consultation session, we took the opportunity to explain fully the objectives of the scrutiny review and the reasoning behind the questions in the survey, and to get some feedback from the governors present. The Education Scrutiny Committee has now produced an interim report detailing the work completed to date on this review, a copy of which is attached for your information.

To progress this review further, the Committee will be focusing on promoting community cohesion. We would like to invite each governing body to consider the interim report at their next full governor's meeting and provide collective feedback by completing the attached questionnaire (to be returned no later than 19 May 2008).

Your help in providing the information required to carry out this review is crucial to the process and we wish to ensure you that your individual identities will remain confidential throughout.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Carr'.

Melanie Carr  
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## School Governing Body Questionnaire

1. Name of School.....

**Parent Governor Vacancies**

2. Do you have difficulties attracting parents to the role of Governor? **Yes / No**

3. What provision do you make to enable parents to take on the role of Governor?

Provision of Crèche Facilities

Governor Buddy Support System

Varied meeting days and times

Meetings arranged to coincide with available extended service childcare provision

Other (please specify below)

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**Community Governor Vacancies**

3. Do you have any community governor vacancies? **Yes / No** If so, how many.....

4. How long have these posts been vacant ?.....

4. What difficulties have you experienced in recruiting Community Governors? .....

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5. From what sources do you seek Community Governors?.....

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**School / Community Cohesion**

6. Do you think the composition of your governing body reflects the school's local community? **Yes / No**

- 7. What involvement does the local community have in the life of your school?.....  
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- 8. How do you communicate with the school's local community?.....  
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- 9. How do you communicate with hard to reach groups in your local community ? .....  
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- 10. How do you consult the school's local community ? .....  
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- 11. Are you aware of any need within the school's local community that the school could help to meet? .....  
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**Extended School Provision**

- 12. In what ways does your local community make use of your school's facilities?.....  
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- 13. What additional use of your facilities would you like to make available to your local community, and what are the constraints on providing it?.....  
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**Additional Information**

We would be pleased to receive any further information you consider would be pertinent to this review.....  
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All information provided via this questionnaire will remain confidential within the Governor Support & Development Service. It will not be shared with any other Department within City of York Council or any third parties, but will be used collectively with other responses to inform the ongoing Education Scrutiny Review.

**If you require a large print copy of the questionnaire, please contact:**

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A summary of this information can be provided in your own language.

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我们能以您的語言提供些信息的摘要 (Cantonese)

Streszczenie tych informacji może być zapewnione w Twoim języku ojczystym. (Polish)

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