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Our ref: RS/JS/DH
Date: 22 April 1996

Dear Sir/Madam

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

As many new governors will be appointed this year I felt it would be helpful to write to you reiterating advice which was issued in 1993.

In 1992 the Schools Sub-Committee considered the question of police checks for governors, but decided not to proceed with formal checks. They did, however, agree to some form of self-declaration regarding criminal convictions, bankruptcy and the number of governorships held.

All Local Education Authority Governors have to sign the following declaration:

"I confirm that I have no criminal convictions and have not been involved in bankruptcy proceedings that would render me liable for disqualification as a governor under the terms of the Education (School Government) Regulations 1989 and the Amendment Regulations 1991 and 1993. I also declare that I serve on no more than two governing bodies of schools maintained by a Local Authority as set out in the Regulations.

Please note that the criminal convictions prescribed by Regulation 7 of the 1989 Regulations as disqualifying a person from holding the office of governor include some convictions that would otherwise be regarded as spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exemptions) Order 1975 all convictions must be disclosed. If you would like further guidance please contact the Area Education Office."

I would like to recommend the adoption of this procedure to you.

If you have any queries about this procedure, please contact Jackie Santer on ext 2261.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spoerry
Schools Service Manager

13 May 1996

Dear Mrs. Andrews,

I write with reference to your letter of 15 February, concerning the nomination of a Governor to represent the Minor Authorities.

After consultation with Bishopsbourne Parish Council and Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council, this council is pleased to nominate Mrs. A. McKeever for a further four-year term. You may wish to note, however, that the Parish Council minutes do record that on future occasions the Council would wish to consider also suitably qualified locally resident nominees.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Church
Clerk to the Council

cc Bishopsbourne Parish Council
Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council

Mrs. A. E. Andrews
Clerk to the Governors
Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School
Conyngam Lane
Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5JX

13 May 1996

Dear Mrs. McKeever,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School. The Parish Council, after consultation with Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne Parish Council and Bishopsbourne Parish Council is happy to nominate you for a further four year term as Governor representing the Minor Authorities (and I have today also written to Mrs. Andrews).

The Parish Council have asked me to thank you for your hard work on behalf of the school, which they know is very much valued.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Church
Clerk to the Council

Mrs. A. McKeever,
Waterham Farm
Hernhill
Faversham
Kent ME13 9EG

Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council

From the Clerk: JV Tyson

Oak Tree Cottage, 5 Boyes Lane, Goodnestone, Canterbury, Kent CT3 1PD

Phone/fax: 01304 841870

Margaret Church

Best wishes. John Tyson

With Compliments

The Parish Council of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne

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16 May 1996

Mrs E A Andrews
Clerk to the Governors
Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School
Conyngham Lane
BRIDGE
Canterbury
Kent CT4 5JX

Dear Mrs Andrews

The Parish Council met last Monday, 13 May, and discussed again the matter of a School Governor to represent the Parish from 1 September 1996.

They were unanimous in wishing to put forward again the name of Mrs Anne McKeever.

Yours sincerely



JOHN TYSON
Parish Clerk

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25 April 1996

Mrs Margaret Church
72a New House Lane
Thanington Without
CANTERBURY
Kent CT4 7BJ

Dear Mrs Church

Appointment of Governor for Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School

Thank you for your letter dated 17 April. When Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council discussed at its last meeting the question of appointing a Governor, they indicated that they would be happy for Mrs McKeever to carry on if she was willing to do so. I was asked to ascertain Mrs McKeever's feelings, and have now had a very positive reply (a copy of which I enclose).

Although the matter has yet to be finalised at the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 13 May, I think you can take it that this Parish Council would very likely support Bridge Parish Council over the re-appointment of Mrs McKeever.

Yours sincerely



JOHN TYSON
Parish Clerk

BISHOPSBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

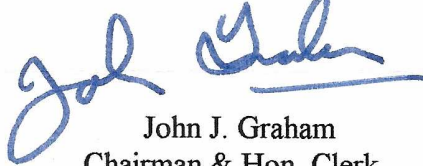
Mrs. M. Church,
Clerk Bridge Parish Council,
72a New House Lane,
Canterbury,
Kent. CT4 7BJ.

23rd April 1996

Dear Mrs. Church,

In reply to your letter of the 17th April about the appointment of a Governor for the Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School the Bishopsbourne Council support the the re-appointment of Mrs. McKeever for a further four year term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John J. Graham', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

John J. Graham
Chairman & Hon. Clerk

BRIDGE



BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE C.E.P. SCHOOL

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Acting Deputy Head: Mrs S. Pinnington

22nd April 1996

J V Tyson
Parish Clerk
Oak Tree Cottage
5 Boyes Lane
Goodnestone
Canterbury
CT3 1PD

Dear Mr Tyson

Thank you for your letter dated 1st April 1996 regarding Mrs McKeever's re-election as a Governor at this School.

Mrs McKeever is Vice Chairman of Governors and is also on a number of sub-committees. Her attendance is very good and I do know she is keen to continue with her duties as Vice Chairman if re-elected.

Yours sincerely

E. A. Andrews

Mrs E A Andrews
Clerk to Governors

Watesham Farm

Hemhill

Faversham

Kent.

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28-3-96.

Dear Mrs Church,

In answer to your query regarding
my term as a Governor of Bridge, Paternome
CEP. School. If it is the wish of the
Parish Councils I would be very happy
to stand for re-election as a
Governor of the School, representing the
minor authorities.

Yours sincerely
Anne McKeown.

17 April 1996

Dear Mr. Graham,

Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School: Appointment of Governor

You are no doubt aware that the term of office of the Governor representing the Minor Authorities, Mrs. A. McKeever, will expire on 31 August 1996.

Having debated the matter at its last meeting, Bridge Parish Council is happy to nominate Mrs. McKeever for a further four year term. However, before doing so they would welcome any comments you might have. The Council meets again on May 9th.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Church
Clerk to the Council

Mr. J. J. Graham
Bishopsbourne Parish Council
Pheasants Hall
Bishopsbourne,
Canterbury CT4 5JL

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Mr. J. V. Tyson,
Clerk: Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne PC
Oak Tree Cottage
5 Boyes Lane
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Patricxbourne Lodge
Patricxbourne
Canterbury
Kent CT4 5BP

Mrs M Church
72a New House Lane
Canterbury
CT4 7BJ

Dear Mrs Church

2 April 1996

As you may remember, we have corresponded before about Bridge School : When I was Chairman of the PFA I wrote to you about funds for the provision of a safe surface in the playground and you were able to give us most helpful advice about obtaining money. I am writing to you now in the hope that you may be able to help to resolve the difficulties which I understand have arisen about the continuation of the appointment of Mrs. A. McKeever as Chairman of the Governors of Bridge School.

I gather that reservations have expressed about Mrs. McKeever's eligibility as Chairman, given her residence outside Bridge. However, I would like to say that given the particular circumstances at the school in the coming year (that is, Mrs. Newton's temporary absence) it would seem helpful if there could be a continuity in terms of the post of Chairman of the Governors. Obviously everyone at the school has every confidence in the continuation of its high standards whilst Mrs. Newton is away, but there seems to be no case for the possible disruption that a new appointment could make. Mrs. McKeever's long association with the school and her experience in financial management suggest that at this point she could make a very significant contribution both to the continued excellence of Bridge School and to support for Mrs. Vye and Mrs. Newton. I think that all parents at the school are anxious to facilitate a happy and successful year for Mrs. Vye. The maintenance of existing, and proven, expertise would obviously go a long way in contributing towards this.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Evans

cc: Mrs A. Newton
Mrs J. Vye

Yew Tree Farmhouse,
Stelling Minnis,
Canterbury,
CT4 6BB

Mrs M. Church,
72a New House Lane,
Thanington Without,
Canterbury.
CT4 7BJ

1st April 1996.

Dear Mrs Church,

I understand that the Bridge Parish Council will shortly be taking a decision on the position of some of the governors of Bridge and Patricxbourne School.

I would like to write in support for Mrs McKeever, who I understand will be standing for re-election to the board of governors of the school.

Although Mrs McKeever lives in Faversham now, she remains totally dedicated to the work of Bridge and Patricxbourne School and to the community it serves. She farms in the Bridge area so she has strong business links, besides the facts that her daughter lives in Bridge and her grand-daughter attends the school.

Mrs McKeever is a valued member of the board of governors - from my own dealings with her and having spoken to others, I know that she works quietly and efficiently for the school, giving sound advice and support to the other governors and to the teaching staff. She has a good grasp of the financial implications of running a school, essential in today's environment.

I do hope that you will be able to convey to the Parish Council, my support for Mrs McKeever's re-election and that she will have the opportunity to continue her hard work for our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs S.R.J.Thompson.
Chairman of the P.F.A., Bridge and Patricxbourne School.