**BEING A PARENT AND A GOVERNOR**

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**Scenario 3**

Mrs Abraham (her daughter Rachel is in the same class as your daughter Leah and has been for many years) calls you to say that she has heard that at last week's meeting of the governing body the governors discussed the proposal for an optional trip to Alton Towers, spending one night away, for Years 5 and 6 (NB an equivalent trip in a secondary school could be a ski trip for years 9 – 13). The trip is only available to those parents who want to send their children and are prepared to pay for it. There is no funding available for those who cannot afford the trip. Mrs Abraham has heard that the governors have agreed that the trip can go ahead providing that it is self-funding.

Mrs Abraham wants to hear how you felt about this and what you said at the governing body meeting. She tells you that many parents are very unhappy about what they have heard as they cannot afford the discretionary spending that the cost of this trip will mean and therefore their children will be disappointed. It is just not fair. She wants you to raise the matter with the head teacher and with the chair of governors.

**HOW TO DO YOU RESPOND?**