



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **Notice of Ballot for Parent Governor Election**

Dear Parents,

The closing date for nominations for our parent governor vacancy passed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Two self-nominations have been received.

Unfortunately, there is only one vacancy currently available, so a secret ballot must now take place. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will secure the role of parent governor for a four-year term of office.

Each parent or carer with at least one child attending our school is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of children they have in school. Any duplications of votes will be disregarded.

Due to the current national lockdown restrictions, the ballot will be virtual. To cast your vote, email the name of the person you are voting for to: [voteparent@gmail.com](mailto:voteparent@gmail.com) This mailbox is managed by Graham Lampard who is our Clerk to the Governors and has no other connection to the school other than his clerking duties, therefore is independent.

**Voting closes at 9am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

Each candidate was asked to provide a statement of no more than 250 words in support of their nomination. Please remember that you are voting for the person that you consider has the skills and experience to undertake the role successfully – it does not matter if you do not personally know the candidate. Every newly appointed governor is provided with a full induction to their role.

| Candidates | Supporting statement (250 word limit)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Bev Wise   | <p>Teachers play one of the most important roles in our children's lives and so we are incredibly lucky to have a school that values our children individually. My son is 7 and attends Hartwell Primary; he is very happy here.</p> <p>I have lived in Hartwell for 13 years and have always seen how central the school is to daily village life, especially during the last 8 months. The support from the school towards our children and our community has been tremendous.</p> <p>I teach secondary age children at a school in Milton Keynes, and I'm a qualified Youth Worker. I am very fortunate that I love my work, and I believe strongly in the need for nurture, as well as education, within the school environment. Children can achieve great things given the right support and motivation. I see this in my own school, and with my own son.</p> |

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|               | <p>As a parent governor I would use my knowledge to ensure our children are treated as individuals and that they thrive, developing skills and confidence. I will work to ensure each child is given the opportunities to succeed; this shouldn't and won't be the same for each child. I will support the development of policies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Nicola Driver | <p>I am a parent of a child in Year 1, I also have had an older daughter go through the school. I wish to be considered as a parent Governor to help contribute to the governance and future development of the school. As the previous site supervisor I have an understanding of the important roles that the governors play in the school and also being a Level 3 Preschool practitioner I have a good working knowledge with regards to early years education the national curriculum &amp; expectations, but more importantly I am truly passionate about the education that children receive and have a desire to ensure that every child gets the best possible education and opportunity to succeed in life.</p> |

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Pardon

Headteacher