



St Michael's CE Primary School

Governing Body

Chairperson: Mrs Juliette Doggett

Treasurer: Mr Fraser Lees

3rd February 2020

Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BODY

Nominations for Parent Governor candidates have now closed and I am pleased to report that we have four candidates standing for the position of Parent Governor. There is **one** position available. An election is now required for this vacancy.

Please find attached brief descriptions provided by the candidates about themselves, the ballot papers and reply slips.

- **Each** parent or guardian has the right to **vote once only**, regardless of the number of children they have at the school.
- Each parent or guardian should use a separate ballot paper to vote. (There are two enclosed with this letter and there are spares in the office, should they be required).
- Each parent or guardian should vote for **ONE** of the candidates on their ballot paper.
- Each ballot paper should be placed in a separate blank envelope, with **NO** name on the envelope.
- Each parent or guardian should attach a completed reply slip to the **outside** of their envelope and return it to the school office.
- The reply slip will be detached from the envelope by the Returning Officer and the sealed envelope will be placed straight into the ballot box. This way each vote is registered (so that nobody votes more than once!) but it also ensures that the ballot papers remain confidential.
- Ballot papers must be returned to the School by the end of the school day on Tuesday, 11th February 2020.

Following the election, the successful candidates will be announced in the newsletter. There is a Governor area on the school website www.st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk (under School Information/Governors), if you would like to find out a bit more about the work of the Governing Body.

I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to take part in the Parent Governor Election.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hergenhan
Clerk to the School Governors



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Reply Slips

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Please attach this reply slip to the outside of the blank envelope containing your ballot paper.

To: The Returning Officer

My name is

I enclose my ballot paper for the election of parent governor

Signed:

Parent/Guardian of:

Date:

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Please attach this reply slip to the outside of the blank envelope containing your ballot paper.

To: The Returning Officer

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Signed:

Parent/Guardian of:

Date:

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ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

BALLOT PAPER

- Each parent or guardian should vote for **one** Candidate only.
- Vote by placing an **X** in the box opposite the name of the **one** candidate you wish to be elected.
- Each parent or guardian should place their completed ballot paper in a separate envelope, attach the reply slip to the outside of the envelope and return it to the school at the latest by the end of the school day on Tuesday, 11th February 2020.

PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT PAPER	
Oliver Haydon-Knowell	
Samantha Lawrence	
Nathan Miller	
Ian Smith	

Parent Governor Election - Candidate Statements

Mr Ian Smith

I am a parent of two pupils currently attending the school (Hetty Smith 4G and Travis Smith 1M).

I currently work for The Metropolitan Police as a Procurement Manager. Previous to my current role, I worked for The Royal Bank of Scotland for 16 years in various Procurement roles so have extensive experience across both the Private and Public Sectors working with budgets/spend/key stakeholders.

Both roles have provided me with the flexibility of working from home/compressed hours to be around, allowing me to be greatly involved in both my children's schooling and I have played an active part during their time at St Michaels.

Having previously volunteered at St Michaels when Travis was in nursery, I realise the difficulties in running and planning around a demanding school especially with the constant budget challenges.

During my spare time I am an assistant football coach, helping coach both the under 6 boys and under 9 girls Southgate Adelaide football teams, for whom my son and daughter both play for. The majority of both teams are made of St Michael's students. I thoroughly enjoy coaching the children and have built up a great rapport, building a relationship of trust and understanding.

I would relish the opportunity in making a difference in education and would hope that my professional experience in conjunction with my volunteering work at the school would be beneficial and I would prove to a good asset to the school as a parent governor.

Mr Nathan Miller

I'm a parent of two boys at St. Michael's, one in year 2 and one in Nursery. In my spare time (when I'm not in the park or building Lego) I enjoy running, cooking and watching Spurs (most of the time).

Having been a parent at the school for almost three years, I have come to understand what a fantastic school it is, but also where it faces challenges – providing the best possible education and facilities for our children, in a safe and nurturing environment, but under constantly increasing costs and budget pressure.

I work as a Management Consultant for Parker Fitzgerald, and have spent the last 10 years working at PwC and Accenture. My job is to help companies develop strategies to change the way they operate, typically either growing or cutting costs. I manage large teams and projects, and by doing so have developed skills which I believe would allow me to help St. Michael's continue to provide first class education for our children, but grow and adapt to changes in society, technology and government regulation.

A huge part of the role will be to act as your representative on the board. I will take care to listen to your concerns and ideas, and present them in a thoughtful and considered way, ensuring that the needs of children of all backgrounds and abilities in the school are represented equally.

I am committed to participating actively in the role. If elected I see this as a long term commitment to the school and one that I've thought seriously about and wanted to do for a number of years. I'm prepared to dedicate my time and enthusiasm to helping improve the school.

I'd like to thank you for reading my application and would be delighted if you would consider voting for me!

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Dr Samantha Lawrence

Schools are facing challenging times, changes to policies and funding cuts to core budgets and SEN support have led to more pressures on the school's resources. I would like to use this opportunity to help the school innovate and move forward in a positive way in spite of these difficulties. I believe I have the skills available to support the school to maximise its budget and help seek additional funding, which I feel would ensure that current standards are maintained and further develop learning opportunities for all the children.

From my PhD studies I have experience writing successful research proposals to gain funding alongside a love of science. My current position as a programme manager, will enable me to support the Governing Body to make evidence-based decisions and contribute skills such as project, programme, contract and budget management. I have longstanding links to the community/church through volunteer work and links to the science community through my professional memberships, all of which would benefit the school. I also have experience of supporting others through the EHCP process, which has provided me with an understanding of the challenges.

I would welcome the opportunity to support our children's education by applying my unique skill base to this role.

Mr Oliver Haydon-Knowell

Employed for the last 6 years in the largest surveying company in the country.

Becoming deputy Area Manager of 20 surveyors dealing with lender criteria, checking millions of pounds of mortgages daily for our team, plus dealing with appeals for the banks and building societies.

Being the London representative for the "Surveyor Support Group" c.80 surveyors. I have been trained by "MIND" the mental health charity to deal with stress and mental issues because we have very high stress working conditions within our industry.

I've a wealth of experience in checking lender policies and processes, managing daily sign off targets to keep clients in contractual turn around time-scales, driving efficiencies and improvements in ways of working. I am also a mentor-trainer to new starters/trainees helping them start their career as surveyors.

I also have (CPD) - Continued Professional Development having formal monthly tests on large and varied criteria to achieve the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors skills needed.

I have a desire to help and commit and feel I would be a worthwhile candidate with experience looking after a large team of colleagues where major decisions have to be made and also deal with daily issues ranging from sickness to spread sheets, moral building and complaints etc.

Working in collaboration within a team of colleagues I am able to work in several team environments with different abilities and strengths with communication, listening, learning and rapport building at all levels plus a strict code of ethics which I have to adhere to on a daily basis.

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