



20 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Election of Parent governors

I wrote to you recently to invite you to consider standing for election as a parent governor of this school. Since there have been more nominations than vacancies we now need to hold an election.

Attached to this letter is:

- a copy of the candidates' personal statements
- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)

Each parent/carer is entitled to one vote for each vacancy, irrespective of the number of children she/he has at the school. If you need a second ballot paper, please contact the school. Completed ballot papers should be returned to the school in a sealed envelope by 12 noon on Monday 4th December 2017.

Please follow these instructions:

- Place your ballot paper in a sealed envelope
- Place the sealed envelope in an outer envelope marked 'Parent Governor Election'.
- Put a piece of paper in the outer envelope with your name, address and the name of your child.

Each ballot paper must be submitted separately following the steps above.

A ballot box will be placed in the reception area, and all ballot papers should be placed, unopened, in the box.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in your vote not being counted.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

When the election has been completed the result will be announced on the school website.

Yours sincerely

T Clark
Clerk to the Governors



St John's Catholic Comprehensive School Election of Parent governors

THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES FOR PARENT GOVERNORS. YOU MAY VOTE FOR TWO CANDIDATES (BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE VOTE FOR EACH CANDIDATE).

CANDIDATES:

MR DANIEL MCKEE

As a parent of a new year 7 pupil, I am very impressed with the school, along with the staff and pupils, and would like to become a parent governor to help contribute to the continued successful running of the school. I grew up in South London and benefited from a Catholic education where my parents were both governors. I work for the City of London Corporation as a Compliance Officer, specialising in Data Protection, and have recently completed a Master degree in Information and Records Management. I have lived in Gravesend for 12 years with my family, and we enjoy contributing to the community.

MR BARRY O'CONNOR

My name is Barry O'Connor, my son has just started in year 7. If elected I would work with energy and enthusiasm to help St John's maintain its high standards, and meet future challenges. I understand the requirements of the role, and would be approachable and accessible to other parents. I feel I would bring a fresh perspective to the work of the existing governors. I work as a construction/civil engineer for National Grid and oversee management teams daily. St John's school is already a great local school which has outstanding Catholic values. I would like the chance to make a positive difference towards our school and our children's future.

MRS JACKIE PEACH

I am a parent of a child in year 8 and have extensive experience working in education; I have worked both in primary as a Teaching Assistant and currently at North Kent College as a Learning Support Assistant. I am DBS checked and have extensive knowledge of educational policies and procedures. I would like to become a Parent Governor to use my skills to assist the Governing Body, as I support not only the school ethos, vision and strategic direction but believe that ensuring the financial performance of the school benefits each and every pupil.

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MRS GEMMA STONE

I'm mum to 2 boys attending St John's, in years 11 and 9. Currently, I'm on maternity leave with our 6 month old daughter and will be returning to work in a part time capacity in 2018. Now that I have additional time at home I'd like to offer to support the school as a Parent Governor. I'm the Managing Director of a Creative Agency that produces marketing and advertising content for Film Studios and TV Broadcasters, where I manage a team of over 20 people. Prior to this I had roles in Event Management for Corporate (Tesco, Deloitte) and Entertainment (BBC, ITV) Clients. I hope that my experience of working in a key decision makers role, focused on the development of young aspiring creatives and growing a small business would provide a useful point of view to the school board. My industry experience could also provide the school with useful insight into career options for pupils leaving the school.

MR MICHAEL TAYLOR

By way of introduction, my name is Michael Taylor and my son Cameron is currently a student at the school. I previously served as a Parent Governor when Cameron's older brother and sister Alex and Clo attended the school, so already have an understanding of some of the procedures and commitment required for this role. I have throughout the years helped out on many school trips, so some of the student and teachers may welcome a familiar face. I would welcome the opportunity in supporting the school and assisting wherever possible with its good work and continued improvement.

MR RHYS THOMAS

I have served as a Parent Governor for the past four years. I would welcome the opportunity to continue as a Governor so that I can play a part in helping the school to be successful, as I believe that every child should be given the opportunity to achieve their full potential within a non-selective education system. I have worked in the Financial Services Industry for over 30 years as an Operations Manager, I am experienced in managing budget and I have enjoyed applying my skills for the benefit of the School as Chair of the Finance Committee.



Election of Parent governors – St John's Catholic Comprehensive School

THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES FOR A PARENT GOVERNOR. YOU MAY VOTE FOR TWO CANDIDATES.

CANDIDATE	MARK AN 'X' TO INDICATE YOUR VOTE
MR DANIEL MCKEE	
MR BARRY O'CONNOR	
MRS JACKIE PEACH	
MRS GEMMA STONE	
MR MICHAEL TAYLOR	
MR RHYS THOMAS	