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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Election of Parent Governors**

Parents were recently invited 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 a ballot (vote).

Attached to this letter is a copy of the candidates' personal statements.

The ballot will take place online using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ClyzJRprUWVU-mXyltG0cYiGwHNp5RPqbmoi-XVLAAdUMk9PNDg4WjdJQk1UQ0pITlpLSThNWIRHOC4u>

Each eligible parent/carers is entitled to one vote for each vacancy, irrespective of the number of children they have at the school. There are two vacancies so you have two votes.

The deadline for all online ballot submissions is **9:15am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

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

When the ballot (vote) has been completed, I will write to you again to let you know the outcome.

If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Sarah Holman  
Headteacher

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

### **Berenice Pretlove**

I have been part of the Loose Primary School community for over nine years; with both my children having attended (the eldest is now in secondary school and the youngest at Loose).

I've seen Loose Primary grow into an outstanding school that puts the learning, wellbeing and personal development of children at its heart. I believe we all have a role to play to ensure its continued growth. I've actively supported the school whenever possible, representing fellow parents on the Parent Council twice, supporting PTA events and providing objective feedback on school policy when asked.

Professionally, I manage the internal and external communications for a national catering, hospitality and events company with a diverse workforce and client base, including the education sector which has given me an insight into school management. I sit on the company's Education Board that is highlighting and taking positive action around physical and mental wellbeing of children and sustainability through food and nutrition. I also lead the communications for two not-for-profit organisations, giving me experience of different business models.

My expertise is in understanding a wide range of information and situations and creating and delivering key messages to engage different groups, adapting my approach and platforms used accordingly. Should I become a parent governor, I believe these skills, together with my enthusiasm, will add value to the Local Governing Body and school.

It would be a real pleasure to give back to the school that has given my children such a great start.

### **Katherine Atkinson**

I work as an Assistant Director at Kent County Council in the Children, Young People & Education directorate, with over 20 years' experience working with teams across education, children's social care and early help. I lead a busy service and manage budgets in excess of £5 million. I am passionate about education and ensuring that our schools give our children and young people the best possible start in life, and foster in them a thirst for learning to take them forwards into adulthood.

I am an experienced school governor and am currently the Chair of Governors at another primary school in Maidstone, so I am familiar with how governing bodies operate, and have also had all the necessary training. I have found working as a governor very rewarding and it is a good fit with my job as the roles naturally complement each other. I would be interested in being a parent governor to approach governorship from a different perspective. I would like to support Loose Primary School to continuously improve as I have had children attending the school for ten years, and it is a school that I love and that has served my children very well.

### **Matthew Tarrant**

I am a serving police officer and have been for the 18 years. I am currently working in a prevent and safeguarding role within the metropolitan police. My work has given me the opportunity to cultivate

valuable skills that I believe will assist me in a potential governor role. As a police officer, I have to deal with a multitude of complex situations, quite often involving children and adolescents and I can effectively communicate on varying levels, adapting my approach depending on what the situation calls for.

My experience in conflict management and safe guarding has crossed various settings and I work closely with local councils and school authorities; I have an understanding and mutual appreciation of the challenges schools face. I feel that I can bring together my perspective not only as a police officer but also as a parent. I have served the public loyally during my service and would relish the opportunity to help continue the success and safety of loose primary school.

My son has just joined year r and has many years ahead of him at loose school. With this in mind I would be committed to consistently provide input throughout his school years. I would like to contribute in some way in thanks for the care, education and grounding he and the other children will be provided by yourselves, now and in the future.

### **AMY CALLEGARI**

I am an enthusiastic, passionate and experienced professional with a proven track record of achievement, including a First-Class Honours degree in Business Studies as well as carving out a successful career in Sales & Marketing. For the past five years, I have been on a career break to concentrate on raising my children. I have however, always had a desire to teach and for the past eighteen months I have been studying for a PGCE.

My family and I moved to Loose three years ago and therefore as a stakeholder of the local community, a parent of a child at Loose school and a trainee teacher, I feel I can bring a unique outlook to the position of Parent Governor. Further to this, I also believe I can offer a variety of valuable skills to the role which I have developed through my previous work experience including: the development of robust relationships to build successful working partnerships, good communication and presentation skills as well as developing strategies to successfully meet objectives.

The ethos which Loose Primary School upholds and promotes within the school and the wider community is of utmost importance to me both personally and professionally. Therefore, I feel extremely passionate and enthusiastic about an opportunity to engage in preserving and promoting such values as an active member of the LGB through the position of Parent Governor.