

10th November 2023

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 in alphabetical order. I would be grateful if you would take the time to read the statements and cast your vote for this important role on our governing board.

Once you have read the statements please vote via this link [Parent Governor Election](#). Each eligible parent/carers must vote separately and will therefore need to complete the ballot form individually.

Each eligible parent/carers is entitled to one vote for each vacancy, irrespective of the number of children they have at the school. Therefore as there is one vacancy, you should only vote for one candidate. Any duplicate ballot papers will not be included in the count.

The deadline for all online ballot submissions is **Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 3.30pm.**

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,

Trevor North

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Headteacher



Personal Statements – Parent Governor Election November 2023

Richard Benjamin

I currently have 2 children attending Loose Primary School. I am keen to be actively involved with the school and have been a parent Governor for the past 2 years. I have a vested interest in the success of Loose Primary School and to continue to work on the improvement of the school following the recent Ofsted inspection. I would welcome the opportunity to continue as a parent governor.

I have worked in Internal audit for a number of years, and I am currently an internal audit manager in the public sector but have worked across a number of public and private sector clients. My role requires me to provide assurance and advice on the management of risk, adequacy and effectiveness of business processes and the governance arrangements that the client has in place.

One of the key aspects of the requirements above is to support and challenge senior management and, where required, initiate and facilitate change. These skills are commensurate with the roles and responsibilities of a school governor, and I believe I can make a valuable contribution the school within this role.

Paul Harrington

My Name is Paul Harrington, I am forty-six years old and the father of Thomas who has recently joined the school in year R. Ever since our very first tour, my wife Hannah and I have been blown away by the kindness and professionalism of everybody at the school. Thomas is autistic, and the support we've been given in transitioning him to his new setting has been so fantastic, it's almost overwhelming. With all that in mind, I've been looking for a way to show my gratitude, so this vacancy for a parent governor feels like the perfect opportunity to give something back.

I work as a Process Engineer in the Aerospace industry, overseeing an electronics manufacturing department. I'm responsible for the processes and equipment, which includes ensuring compliance with industry standards, carrying out risk assessments, as well as arranging services and repairing machinery.

Outside of work, family aside, my passion is teaching self-defence. Passing on skills that help people live safer lives and grow their self-confidence is immensely rewarding. I've also worked with Kent Police providing training to women and girls in the area.

Until recently I ran a business teaching martial arts, so I am already DBS certified and have experience handling personal data within the GDPR regulations. I'm also a good communicator and trained in de-escalation, just in-case the governors meetings get a bit heated!

Thanks for taking the time to read this. It might be my ADHD, but I had to make it exactly 250 words.



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Michael Li

I have a passion for volunteering, quality improvement and education. As a governor I would like to play a role in ensuring there is a clear and safe vision for the school, that the school is financially sustainable, and hold leaders to account for the educational performance of our children and effective management of their staff.

I have two young children, the eldest in Year 1 at Loose Primary School and the youngest hopefully starting Reception next September. I'd like to take an active role in improving and adding value to the education of the next generation of leaders, artists and scientists.

For work, I am a manager at a leading medical research charity and look after a team focused on funding ground-breaking research, identifying life-changing interventions, and implementing changes to improve healthcare. I have skills in data analytics, strategic planning, budget management, safeguarding, stakeholder engagement and stakeholder management. Importantly, I'm not afraid to ask the difficult or obvious questions that are sometimes avoided in group settings.

I'm a big believer in collaboration to get things done, including building new relationships. I am a natural problem-solver and hope to use these skills as a parent governor to improve the excellent standards of the school.

Loose Primary School is a wonderful school with outstanding qualities and with my experience I believe I can offer a valuable diverse set of skills to make the school even better.

