

19th February 2024

Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents / Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy – Ballot Information

As advised earlier, we have a vacancy for a parent governor for which we have received two confirmed applications. Consequently, an election is being held and this letter outlines the procedures for voting in the election.

The link below will take you to the voting form. The closing date for voting is **noon on Monday 4th March 2024**. **Votes received after this deadline will not be counted in the ballot.**

Link: [VOTING FORM](#)

Votes will be counted, under arrangements agreed between me and all the candidates. Each candidate or his/her authorised representative may attend the count. All parents will be notified of the result.

Please note that:

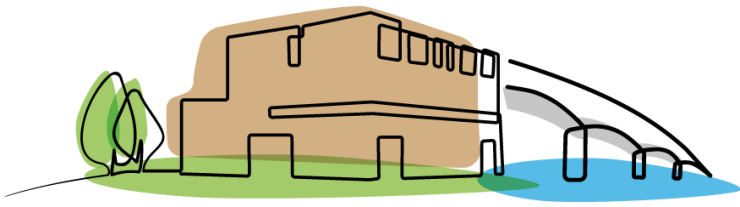
- Each parent must vote on a separate online form
- Each parent is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of vacancies e.g. one vacancy one vote; therefore, in this case each parent is entitled to one vote.

PLEASE SEE CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Humby

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Chair of Governors



VALENTINE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Danielle Harding

Reasons for applying:

I am applying for this parent governor role because I firmly believe the school has lost its way with regards to the parents, children and teachers.

As a long term parent of children that currently, and soon to be, attend Valentine Primary School, I want to be apart of the decision making, views and debates behind the leaders of this educational institution.

I believe having a parent like myself joining your board would benefit not only yourselves but the parents, children and teachers of this establishment.

Experience and personal skills

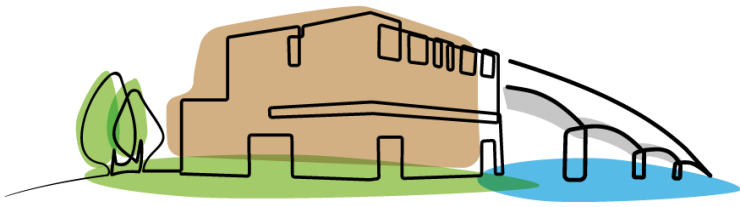
1) I have 3 children that attend valentine, and they all meet different categories. One child is autistic/adhd, one is very quiet and another a bit of a wild child. I believe this will help cover a whole range on non biased opinion and knowledge.

2) I am a dedicated mother who was a high achiever at school (I also attended valentine) so I understand the importance of a child's education and school environment.

3) I am a very straight talking individual who will call out or back up the right opportunities/situations.

4) As a long time parent of the school I have seen the old ways and the new. And somewhere a happy balance must be found.

5) I also have viable financial knowledge including a level 2 and 3 AAT qualification that I received with merit, I am currently working towards my level 4. So again I understand the budget formats, performances, investments etc.



VALENTINE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chris Dewey

Reasons for applying:

I believe that serving as a School Governor would enable me to contribute to enhancing the school's performance and ultimately enriching the learning experience for the children. Having witnessed the fluctuations in the school's quality over the years while my own children attended, I am deeply committed to fostering positive changes. My passion lies in securing the best outcomes for the children, and I am confident in my ability to maintain fairness and impartiality in decision-making processes.

Experience and personal skills

Throughout the past several years, I have dedicated my time to serving as a community first responder for the ambulance service. This role has provided me with invaluable experience in responding to emergency situations in various settings, whether it be individuals' homes, workplaces, or within the local community. As a first responder, my primary responsibility was to promptly assess and administer aid to patients until professional medical assistance arrived, with the overarching goal of preventing their condition from worsening.

This role demanded not only technical proficiency in providing medical assistance but also a high degree of patience and adaptability. I encountered individuals from diverse backgrounds and age groups, requiring me to tailor my approach to ensure effective communication and treatment. Building rapport and trust with patients, particularly in times of distress, became a cornerstone of my practice as a first responder.

In addition to my volunteer work, my professional experience as a Technical Manager in the IT industry has equipped me with a robust skill set that I believe will be highly beneficial in the role of a school governor. Working closely with clients from various backgrounds, I have honed my communication skills and developed a deep understanding of navigating diverse perspectives and needs. My proficiency in IT is not only a technical asset but also underscores my ability to adapt to evolving environments and leverage technology for effective communication and problem-solving.

Overall, my combination of experience as a community first responder and my professional skills as a Technical Manager position me well to contribute effectively as a school governor. I am confident that my dedication, adaptability, and communication abilities will serve the school community well in addressing its challenges and fostering its growth and development.