

Sunday 17th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Ecclesall Primary School,

Ecclesall Primary School Election of Parent Governor:

I am writing to invite you to take part in a Parent Governor election to the school's governing body. Six parents have been nominated in alphabetical order. They are:-

Anna Bradshaw, whose daughter is in Reception and a future child who will be in Reception.

David Fernley, whose daughter is in Y1 and a future child who will be in Reception.

Luke Fillingham, whose son is in Y1.

Amanda Johnston, whose daughters are in Y4 and in Y6.

Jennifer Waterhouse, whose son is in Reception and future child who will be in Reception.

Tammy Wong, whose daughters are in Reception and Y4.

Only one of the candidates above can be elected.

All people who have parental responsibility for a child at the school are entitled to vote. You should only vote for one of the candidates. No-one is allowed to cast more than one vote per candidate but each parent has the opportunity to vote.

The parent who gets the highest number of votes will win the election. In the event of a tie the votes will be recounted but if the votes are then still equal, the candidate with the youngest child at the school will be elected.

The school governors play an important part in the life of the school and can have a real influence on the education of your child so please do use your vote.

Please vote by replying to the parent governor text with the name of your chosen parent governor. If both Parents want to vote, then please indicate on the text reply. You may only vote once and your voting reply must be returned to the school by Friday 5th November 2021 please.

To make sure the election is fair, we are using the text messaging service. This will allow us to keep a check on who has voted but keep this information confidential.

On the next page are the supporting statements from all six parents to read before voting.

Kind regards,

Emma Hardy

Head Teacher

Ecclesall Primary School

1. Anna Bradshaw- Expression of Interest for role of parent governor

I am a parent to Eloise, who has just started in reception and Luca, who will hopefully be joining the school in two years' time. I first came to Sheffield to attend University and since then was back and forth until finally settling here in 2012.

I would like to be considered as a parent governor for Ecclesall Primary as I have a strong belief in getting involved to become informed. I'd like to learn more about how the school operates, support the staff and Head teacher, and become a part of the Ecclesall Primary community. As all parents, I want the best for my children and feel that I can contribute by supporting the school in achieving that.

My background is in sport and community development/management and now have a consultancy role, working for a national social enterprise to develop sustainable sports and community businesses and organisations. I am also an Associate Lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University. Many of the skills, experiences and qualities I hold for these roles will transfer well to the work of school governance. I see this also as an opportunity to broaden my own knowledge and experience within education.

I have a strong belief in giving individuals maximum opportunities to discover their full potential through both the formal curriculum and extracurricular opportunities. I am a huge advocate of engagement in sport and physical activity to develop health and well-being and nurture a wide range of positive life skills.

As a governor I would offer commitment, enthusiasm, and determination to make a difference, supporting the Head teacher and the school, whilst ensuring that I was a good critical friend.

2. David Fernley- Expression of Interest for role of parent governor

My name is David Fernley and I would like to nominate myself for the role of parent governor.

Having two young children under six, one of whom already attends Ecclesall Primary School in Y1, I would like to be a part of the school community in any way I can.

I am a primary school teacher and have taught across a number of primary settings for the last ten years in both Sheffield and Wakefield. I have been a staff governor at my last two schools

which is a role I have very much enjoyed and I have a strong understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a governing body and an interest in the ways that schools support their pupils.

3. Luke Fillingham- Expression of Interest for role of parent governor

I've been involved with Ecclesall Primary School for 2 years through my son, John Jacob Fillingham. We live at 189 Ringinglow Road and I walk Jacob to and from school several times a week. Jacob is enrolled in Kids Club so we have experience of this as well.

I can support the school thanks to my experience as a commercial property surveyor for over 20 years and through my position as Chair of Storth Park Management Limited where I help look after a community of 39 families. I have also worked in the public sector for both Councils and regional agencies.

I have a keen interest in sport and the multifaceted benefits of regular exercise.

My partner Rachael, Jacob's mother, works full time as a primary school teacher. She is the subject leader for English and a member of her school's SLT. Obviously we have discussions at home about the challenges in primary education and this has increased my appetite for playing an active role in my child's school.

4. Amanda Johnston – Expression of Interest for role of parent governor

I have two children at Ecclesall Primary School: Violet in Stanage (year 6) and Elsie in Foxes (year 3) and am married to Andrew. My interest in becoming a parent governor arises from the aspiration to make a positive contribution to the education of all children within our community. I work at Sheffield Hallam University as an Innovation Manager at the National Centre of Excellence for Food Engineering in Attercliffe. My role involves bringing together groups of people with different interests and skills and enabling them to work together to make a real difference to society. I work with regional bodies within the Sheffield City Region to ensure the University makes a positive contribution to the communities surrounding the Olympic Legacy Park. Consulting and listening to others are essential to my role to ensure all interests are represented: I see this as being of equal importance in the role of school governor.

I have worked with the food and drink industry all of my working life; the work I am involved in seeks innovative ways to make the global food system more environmentally sustainable and healthier for future generations. As a keen (but quite slow!) runner, I am also passionate about the benefit of exercise and the outdoors to mental and emotional well-being.

At work, I am a member of the Parent and Carers' Network because I believe it is important to help parents and carers achieve a work/life balance in family life. In the past, I have successfully campaigned to improve the situation of employees in this respect, resulting in changes to employment policy. I have also had careers in teaching and human resource management.

Those who know me well will tell you that I am a very organised person and I make things happen.

I'm really excited about the opportunity of becoming a parent governor as it will enable me to have an even greater involvement in the school, working together with a great group of parents and teachers, putting our school remains at the heart of our community and creating an excellent environment in which our children flourish.

5. Jennifer Waterhouse- Expression of Interest for role of parent governor

I am a senior lecturer in law at Sheffield Hallam University. I have two children; my eldest, Harry, has just started in Reception, and my daughter Edie has just turned two.

I have lived in Sheffield since I came here to study Politics at the University of Sheffield in 2004. I love the city and the strong sense of local community. Being a parent governor is an opportunity to give back to that community and make a difference to the education of our children.

Prior to working in higher education, I spent several years working as a solicitor in a global law firm, where I specialised in employment law. I believe that my legal experience equips me well for the role of parent governor, in particular my employment law experience will be especially useful in respect of any personnel/general HR matters such as recruitment, staff wellbeing and management discussions/workplace issues. I have sat on numerous assessment and quality boards and therefore have experience of analysing financial/performance data and reviewing policies.

I am passionate about education and making a difference to young people's lives. I particularly enjoy the people side of my role as a lecturer: I am responsive and empathetic and good at building strong relationships with my students and helping them achieve their full potential. This would serve me well in the role of parent governor as I would be able to listen to the concerns of parents and understand the challenges that some families and children face. I am a strong communicator and would relish the opportunity to engage with, and represent, the parent voice and to improve communication between the school, parents, and the wider community.

I am keen to help develop the success of Ecclesall Primary School. I believe this would be a very rewarding experience, and one which I would approach with dedication, enthusiasm and commitment.

6. Tammy Wong- Expression of Interest for role of parent governor

I am a parent to two children, in reception and Year 4 and as a full time mum, I try to actively participate in school life and believe I can commit more time in the parent governing body.



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As a volunteer with Sheffield Green Parents, my interest is in sustainability and climate change. I would love to see Ecclesall primary participate in School Streets. I believe active travel and safe streets can reduce road accidents, improve air quality for school children and encourage fitness and healthy wellbeing.