



Headteacher Nicky Ross

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16th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

ELECTION OF PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BODY

Following my recent letter we are pleased to inform you that we have 4 candidates standing for the 1 available position of parent governor.

Please find attached brief descriptions provided by the candidates about themselves, two ballot papers and two envelopes for parents/carers to return their ballot papers to the School. Every parent has the right to vote once for one candidate, regardless of the number of children you have at the School. Each parent should therefore receive and return only one ballot paper.

Whether or not you wish to take part in the election could you please complete the acknowledgement slip at the end of this letter to confirm receipt of the ballot papers. In order to maintain a secret ballot this should be returned to the School separately and **not with the ballot paper**.

The ballot paper must be returned to the School in the envelope provided **by 3.30pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018**. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to take part in this parent governor election.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky Ross
Headteacher

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HAZELWOOD SCHOOLS

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To: The Headteacher

I/We acknowledge receipt of the ballot paper(s) for the election of parent governor.

Signed:

Name:.....

(in block capitals please)

Date:.....

Ilija Batinica

Having attended Headteacher's presentation, I decided to apply for the position of Parent/Governor and give my contribution to the school and give support to the staff who work hard to ensure our children get the best possible start in life. I am a father of three boys two of whom are currently in year 5 and reception and one who moved to secondary school in 2015, so I have already been involved in the school life for a considerable amount of time.

I have been a company director since 2007 when I founded a successful property services business. More recently I helped my wife to set up and run a local nursery caring for 2-5 years old children. In 2015 I volunteered at the school in reception and Year 1 classes while I studied for the Early Years Teacher (EYITT) qualification.

We are lucky to have a fantastic local school with a great reputation, and like every other parent, I would like the school to continue to improve and go from strength to strength. I would feel privileged if I am elected for the post and would bring my knowledge and experience to the Governing Body.

Beata Csanadi-Farkashazi

My name is Beata and I have 2 children, one is in Year 1 and one is not yet in Nursery.

I have been teaching ESOL, Literacy, English, Employability, ICT and Maths for nearly 14 years in London having gained experience teaching native speakers and multi-lingual children, teenagers and adults privately, in schools and in colleges. I am passionate about education as kids are the future and their years spend in schools will have an impact on their lives. I was a local for more than a decade, but now that we have moved a little bit further out it has made me more aware of what other schools do and how they perform.

I would love to be a parent governor, not just because my child has just started his journey with Hazelwood Schools and I would like to provide a parental viewpoint, but also because my experience and skills in education would benefit the school. We live in changing and challenging times, which I encounter on a daily basis, so I would like to think that I would be able to contribute positively and constructively to help achieve what needs to be done to continue the inspiring work the school has been doing for our children.

Lee Innell

For the past 15 years I have been working within Children's Social Care enabling the child's voice to be heard. I believe that I can use those skills to help the parent's voice to be heard and represented to the school and governors.

I am also a qualified therapist which has allowed me to learn how to build relationships with people, and have a deeper understanding of the issues they may have.

The skills I have learnt over the years will allow me to work effectively with both the governors and the parents, and hopefully bring unity, parent involvement and empowerment to this special school.

Wendy Martin

My name is Wendy Martin and I am the parent of three boys. Two of my boys attend Hazelwood (Harry, Yr 4 and Alfie, Yr6) and my eldest son has now left to go to secondary school, so I have been involved with school life for several years. My children have enjoyed coming to Hazelwood and have got involved with many of the fantastic clubs, activities and opportunities in the school.

I am a Speech and Language Therapist and I have over 20 years experience working with deaf children and their families in mainstream, special schools and nurseries, as well as advising and training school staff.

I think the knowledge and experience I have through my work will be very useful in the role of governor. Through my work I meet many families and work closely with children who have a wide variety of backgrounds, skills and needs. I work closely with education services and I have an understanding of the many changes and challenges that are facing schools.

If elected as governor I will work hard to represent parents and support the school staff to do the very best to help all our children enjoy and achieve at school