

September 2019

Dear Parents,

Parent Governor Election Autumn 2019

Thank you for your replies to our invitation for nominations for the vacancy of Parent Governor. There have been three nominations, as follows:

Claire Kirby-Webb- I have 4 years of experience as a Community Governor at Blackwell (2006-2010). During my term, I used my employer's community programme & other business relationships to support the school. This included bringing business teams in to work on projects, securing £10K grant funding and leading a Young Enterprise Programme. I now have two daughters at Blackwell and am again active in supporting the school. I recently used my experience coaching School Business Managers to identify ParentsApp as a tool to develop parent communication. The app has also reduced administration & associated costs in the office. This year I was involved in organising 'The Blackwell Ball' which proved to be a great success and raised £8K for the PFTA fund. I have 20 years of corporate experience, largely focused around people and capability development. I previously used this on the HR committee and was responsible for the Head Teacher's performance review. Aside from my experience, I think the main point I would like to emphasise is my passion for the school. Blackwell provides a unique learning environment and I genuinely want to support its development and continue the excellent provision for children over the next 4 years.

Alison Taylor- My daughter is in Green Class and my son in Nursery. We live between Barnt Green and Blackwell, and chose to settle here due to our strong wish to be part of an active village community. I have initiated and supported a number of fundraising events for the PFTA, and have attended their meetings regularly. Due to my passion for education, I am now keen to become more involved with the school. I have been teaching for 18 years and have special interests in Early Years education and Special Educational Needs. I have worked in several settings, including mainstream state schools in Dudley and Birmingham, an all age special school in North Tyneside, and I currently work part time as SENCo at The Blue Coat Independent Preparatory school in Edgbaston. With my undergraduate degree in Law and Business Studies, I also have an interest in the legal and commercial elements of running a successful school.

Last year I undertook the National SENCo Award (PGCert) at the University of Birmingham, which has enhanced my understanding of the strategic role of senior leaders in school. In my first teaching role I sat on the curriculum committee for the governing body at Ashwood Park Primary School, and having learned so much since then I believe I have a wealth of experience to draw on, enabling me to contribute to the continued development of this outstanding school.



Darren Charles- I have been considering a non executive role for a while and had been advised to find something that interested me; what better opportunity than a Parent Governor role at my son's school?! I have a vested interest in ensuring the school is the best it can be for him and his peers, but also in the longevity of this success as I hope my daughter will also be joining the school community in 2022. If appointed, I will work with parents, teachers, Mrs Moss and the governors, helping to drive continued improvement, to ensure our children continue to be nurtured into the greatest version of themselves, in a happy, healthy environment. I consider myself to be approachable and proactive, with excellent communication skills. I will be reliable, creative and constructively challenging in my determination to ensure our children receive the highest standard of educational experiences possible. My professional role, as the Head of Customer Experience, allows me flexibility to be actively involved in my children's education and would extend to allowing me to fully participate in the role as Parent Governor. My experience includes people management, strategic planning, risk management, financial planning, audits and transformational change. Whilst my business acumen will prove beneficial, it is my overarching focus to ensure customers receive exceptional experiences, that will prove pivotal as a Parent Governor. It is after all, all of our children who are the customers of Blackwell First School (albeit, in this case the customer may not always be right!) and exceptional experiences should not be the exception for them!

If you would like to know more about the candidates, do ask them.

Each parent/carer may vote for one candidate. Please return the **PINK** voting form attached to the school office by **9.00 a.m. on Friday 27th September.** The candidates will be informed of the result shortly afterwards, and it will be included in the next school newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Moss, Head Teacher



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