

Crowland Primary School Governing Body

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR/S

CANDIDATE PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Anita DeSouza

Crowland is an amazing school. Since joining in 2017 with my eldest daughter, I have seen the school grow from strength to strength. As a parent governor, I will commit to ensuring the school continues to set the high standards of educational performance; utilising my analytical and financial skills honed as an Accountant, wherever needed. I enjoy getting involved in school activities and with three children in year groups 4, 2 and reception, I have a deep rooted interest in how we can improve our school, do more for our children and succeed for many years to come. I hope you will consider voting for me and thank you for reading.

Ian Ferguson

As a parent governor, I would build on our school's wonderful foundation, making communication and ambition top priorities.
Our community is a wonderfully diverse group of families, students and staff - we should push for our school to be ambitious in addressing each student's abilities and needs, helping build personal responsibility and ambition.
Clear, reliable two-way communication between families and the school is key, to meaningfully engage everyone and reinforce common purpose and mutual respect.
While the times are challenging, I believe there are many ways we can work together better to ensure each child becomes the best version of themselves.

Rebecca Greensmith

My daughter is in Y2 so I want the school to succeed and be the best it can be. I have previously taught in Cambodia, and now work in a Haringey primary school, giving me knowledge of education, the curriculum, and safeguarding/child protection. I also understand the importance of confidentiality and data protection.

I would be an excellent parent governor as I have prior experience of School Governance upholding the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. I would support the school, encourage continued improvement, as well as being willing to challenge the headteacher and senior leaders when necessary.

I am passionate that all children are safeguarded and fulfil their full potential regardless of background, special educational needs or disabilities.

Ciarán Stuart

I am a father of two children (one attending Crowland and the other I hope will start in Sept 2022) and the son of two teachers. I am also a Social Worker and Specialist Mental Health Clinician in the NHS who has been working closely with schools for the past 12 years providing consultation, training and direct work with Children and Families to improve the wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

If elected I hope to bring my expertise and passion for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Special Educational Needs to the service of the school and the families who attend.

Eleanor Schling

I want to help Crowland give all our children the highest standard of education possible and make sure they are all getting the support they need. I want to help the school communicate with parents so we know what is going on. My son is in Year 1 and his brother will start in reception this year. I have been involved in community work for over fifteen years and have negotiated with councils to help families get secure housing. I also run my own not-for-profit company. My relevant skills and experience include financial management, fundraising, community engagement and advocacy.

Leah Turner

I have been an active member of Friends of Crowland since we joined the school and am currently co-chair of FROC, but am ready to contribute in a different way.

I have children in years one and four and so have a number of years' experience of where the school shines – and where parents feel there may be room for improvement. I am committed to the success of the school and all its pupils, and would like to help to achieve this as a parent governor.

Thanks for reading, and I hope you will consider voting for me.

Elvira Whitehead Motantau

Both my children joined Crowland since Nursery and are now in Yr 5 and Yr 3.

I am a member on the PTA Committee and enjoy volunteering to help fundraise the school.

I work full time; yet I am keen to volunteer where needed to support the children and their school.

I have gain good relationships with many of the Crowland families through the years.

I would be delighted for this opportunity. Especially to help improve the connection between the School and the Families.

I am willing to train and to learn more about Crowland Primary and its approaches, the new challenges, and help improve communication.