

Parent Governor Nominations – Candidate Information

Each candidate has been asked to provide a statement of no more than 200 words in support of their nomination. Please remember that you are voting for the person that you consider has the skills and experience to undertake the role successfully – it does not matter if you do not personally know the candidate whom you consider would be the right parent for the role.

Candidates	Supporting statement
<p>Name of candidate: Amanda Avery</p>	<p>I am a keen supporter of the power of education and the ability of our education providers to shape the lives of our children and young people. My original teaching background and Masters in Teaching and Learning has provided the strong groundwork for a keen interest in this area, including supporting children and young people with special educational needs. I currently have my son attending Great Sankey High, with my daughter hopefully joining in 2025, as she completes her primary education. I feel I can bring my creative skills, passion for learning, problem solving and analytical thinking and keen eye for detail, to consider needs of all pupils and strive to find workable and achievable solutions for all.</p> <p>I am passionate about pupil voice and ensuring this is not only heard, but acted upon appropriately. As a parent governor I would endeavour to ensure all voices are heard and support and develop the school's vision and strategy from a parental perspective.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Dr Chi Chan</p>	<p>I am a passionate and committed educator. I received my teacher training in Hong Kong and the U.K. and was awarded the doctorate in the U.K. I had been teaching and managing school for 30 years in different countries before moving here three years ago. My daughter and my family love Warrington. As I have passion in education and spare time, I really want to contribute my professional knowledge and experience back into the local community, such as school development, quality assurance, enhancement of home-school relationship and building of school identity.</p> <p>This is my daughter's first year studying in Great Sankey High School. Like most of the parents, I would like to work with the school to provide quality education for every child. I have proven records of success to be a life-long learner who can inspire other people to strive for excellence.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Dan Grimes</p>	<p>I live in Great Sankey with three children all currently attending GSHS / BHC (Y7, Y8 and Y12).</p> <p>I am a senior manager working in the NHS and have eighteen years' experience working as part of senior leadership teams, most recently working as Director of Operations in two large hospitals.</p> <p>I am also Chairman of a local community theatre company with nearly 125-year history in the town and am designated as a Trustee of its charity.</p> <p>I have responsibility for developing strategic plans and for building teams to deliver those plans, implementing performance management frameworks to support the effective management of risk and to ensure clear accountability structures to provide assurances to the Board of Directors and the NHS regulator in relation to the delivery of key performance standards.</p> <p>I have a particular interest in performing arts and regularly act in and direct plays and musicals.</p> <p>Professionally, I am interested in the role that organisational culture has on the achievement of performance. I was recently accepted as a Chartered Fellow of CIPD for the work that I have done in coaching and lecturing on the importance of kindness at work. I also have an MSc in Health & Social Care Leadership.</p>

<p>Name of candidate: Felicity Hannah</p>	<p>The eldest of my 3 sons is currently in Year 9. He is very proud of his school and I want to become a parent governor to ensure he and all the students can always be proud of it.</p> <p>I work as a broadcast journalist at Radio 4 and BBC 5 Live. It's a role that requires me to quickly understand complex subjects in order to question experts and interrogate people in positions of power. I am a specialist financial journalist, meaning I am used to reading reports and spreadsheets. I am very confident at speaking up in meetings!</p> <p>I give regular talks about journalism and careers to primary and secondary schools and I have wanted a way to volunteer more regularly.</p> <p>Finally, I care a great deal about the education of all children. I want to ensure that every child in Great Sankey, no matter what their home situation, can benefit from their time at school. If elected, I would work tirelessly to support the school being a place where all our children can be safe, can be happy and can reach their full potential. Thank you.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Steven J Hosker</p>	<p>As a dedicated parent and active member of our school community, I am passionate about contributing to our school's success.</p> <p>I bring extensive experience as a senior manager in the wind industry, where I have developed skills in leadership, strategic planning, and financial management. These, combined with my commitment to a supportive educational environment, will enable me to contribute effectively to the governing board.</p> <p>My voluntary work with the police has given me a strong understanding of community engagement and public service. Additionally, as an assistant awards leader in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and manager of a local football team, I have demonstrated my ability to lead, motivate, and collaborate.</p> <p>These experiences have equipped me with a broad perspective and a range of skills beneficial for addressing our school's challenges. As a parent, I am deeply invested in ensuring all students receive the best education and support. I am eager to work with fellow governors, staff, and parents to enhance student learning and well-being.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my application. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve our school community.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Sarah Maddocks</p>	<p>Being a new family that joined Great Sankey High School in September this year, we are experiencing high school for the first time. I am a mum of 2 girls, 1 of my daughters is in year 7 and my other daughter is in year 2 at primary school, so the future of the high school is so important to us as a family, but also to our local area. For this reason, I am excited at this potential opportunity to join the governing board and be part of the team that drives the future vision for the school.</p> <p>Currently in my day job, I work as a program manager in the recruitment sector (sales) and I have worked for the same organisation for the past 18+ yrs. My transferrable skills are, commitment, teamwork, negotiation, mentoring and working with senior stakeholders. I am also in higher education and have been for the last 3yrs, as I am training to become a counsellor supporting vulnerable adults and children from 11yrs upwards. I believe that the skills I have and my personable approach would be a great asset to the team.</p>

<p>Name of candidate: Sarah Moss</p>	<p>I currently have two children at GSHS in Y11 and Y8 and I am passionate about contributing to the continued success and development of the school. Professionally, I am a HR Business Partner in a public sector organisation and have several transferable skills which I consider would be beneficial in an educational setting, including leadership and strategic planning, communication at different levels within the organisation, training and development, policy development and implementation, budgetary responsibility, and conflict handling. I am also responsible for the performance management policy within my organisation and the lead on neurodiversity support for staff.</p> <p>During my children's time at primary school, I was an active member of the Parents Forum which met regularly to discuss specific projects, communicate views of parents and provide feedback to parents on decisions made.</p> <p>I am committed to working collaboratively with other governors, staff, and parents to ensure that every student receives the best possible education and support.</p> <p>As a parent, I am keenly invested in the educational and personal development of all students at GSHS and enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the school and to support it in achieving its goals.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Michelle Slingsby</p>	<p>As a headteacher at a primary school, I have up-to-date knowledge of the primary national curriculum and am fully trained in safeguarding. I have seen the school progress from Requires Improvement to Good with Outstanding features, giving me a working knowledge of the pressures on schools and staff, the challenges of implementing change across a school and a clear understanding of the expectations of the Ofsted framework.</p> <p>In addition, I am the primary academy representative for the Halton Schools Forum and sit on the EHCP panel for the LA, providing me with an in-depth understanding of education at both strategic and operational levels. Before headship, I was a Specialist Leader in Education for English and more able pupils, experiencing system leadership in various roles.</p> <p>I completed the Carnegie Senior Mental Health Lead qualification and am committed to ensuring the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff.</p> <p>On a personal note, I have two children, one who attends Great Sankey, and another hopefully joining next year. If appointed as governor, I would use my skills and knowledge to support the school in its vision for excellence and contribute to its overall success as a member of the LGB.</p>