

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 (200 word limit)
<p>Name of candidate: Kevin Barber</p>	<p>I have two children, the eldest of which has recently joined Year 7 in 2023. Our youngest will join in 2026. It is highly likely our family will be connected with the school for the next decade and potentially beyond.</p> <p>I am 45 years of age, married to Jenny, a Project Manager at Warrington Hospital.</p> <p>I wish to support the school, helping to identify improvements and implementation where required.</p> <p>We live very local to the school and encounter pupils daily. I have always lived in Warrington and genuinely care about the future of the town and its people.</p> <p>Professionally, I work as a Head of Department for an international company with offices locally in Omega. As part of my role, I have to manage large projects and identify complex solutions, whilst also directly managing a team. These are all skills I can bring to the board. I am also on the UK Senior Leadership Team. We also offer engineering and sales apprenticeship schemes to school leavers and I am interested to investigate closer links with the school around this.</p> <p>I am also a Mental Health First Aider having completed courses in 2023.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Felicity Hannah</p>	<p>The eldest of my 3 sons is currently in Year 8. He is very proud of his school and I want to become a parent governor to help ensure he 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>In December, I gave a talk to the current Year 11s about finding meaning and purpose in work. I would be pleased to volunteer more regularly.</p> <p>Finally, I care passionately about the education of my children. I want to ensure that every child in Great Sankey, no matter what their home situation, can benefit from their time at school. I care about rounded education, with time spent on social development, PE, drama and music. 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: Jennifer Pari</p>	<p>I am a new parent to school, with my oldest son having started at Great Sankey in September. My youngest will be joining Year 7 in 2025.</p> <p>I have worked with children and young people for many years. Initially managing environmental and sustainable schools programmes before later moving towards wellbeing and therapeutic roles at local youth charities, ChildLine and CAMHS. I now work in a pastoral and safeguarding position at a Warrington secondary school. As such, I understand the importance that schools play, not only in children's education, but as a support and advocate for their wellbeing and protection.</p> <p>I understand the need to challenge and support the school, working together with the leadership team, staff, external agencies and parents. I appreciate the frustrations when communication links fall short and would do my best to feed these back as a parent representative, and work to support improvements.</p> <p>I hope that I can support Great Sankey as it continues to grow and look forward to seeing my son and others flourish during their time there.</p>
<p>Name of candidate: Katie Whitmore</p>	<p>I work within primary and secondary educational settings as a school and academy governance manager, working with governors, headteachers, multi-academy trust boards, and school leaders.</p> <p>I also serve as a governor at my children's primary school since joining the governing board in 2018 and would be delighted to join the board of governors at my children's secondary school.</p> <p>Through these roles I gain experience of the issues impacting schools locally and nationally, including educational outcomes and curriculum, behaviour and attendance, premises and finance, staffing and community, and keeping young people safe, and the ways in which governors and school leaders work together to set strategic plans to address them.</p> <p>I was a student at Great Sankey High School and Barrow Hall College, before leaving to start a degree in Business Studies. It would be great to return to support school as a governor many years on!</p>