



St Elphege's Catholic Schools

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Dear Parent

Election of Parent Governors

The role of a school governor is extremely important and many essential decisions about our schools are taken by our Local Governing Body. School Governors work together with the school leadership team to continually improve the education for every child at our schools. Our governors have 3 core functions. They:

1. Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of our schools;
2. Hold the head teachers to account for the educational performance of our schools and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Monitor the financial performance of our schools and make sure money is well spent.

The local governing body is seeking individuals who can bring life skills and other experience or expertise to support their work. Fostering positive relationships throughout our whole community is integral to all that we do and therefore, part of the parent governor's role will be to support this work.

I have received nominations from **7 parents** who are willing to become school governors. I hope you will vote in the election to select **3 new parent governors**. The new governors will serve for 4 years.

The ballot to elect the **3 new parent governors** will take place electronically, through submission of votes using a Google Form. [Each parent of a child at our schools has 3 votes to cast to elect the 3 new parent governors, even if you have more than one child at the schools.](#) When inserting your email address on the Google Form, please ensure that you use the email address we have on file as this will be used to verify eligible votes. If you would prefer to cast your vote using a paper ballot slip, please contact the school office within the timeframes below.

Before casting your **3 votes**, please read the **personal statements carefully**, bearing in mind the role of the school governor and the needs of the Local Governing Body. **Personal statements can be found alphabetically following this letter.** They will also appear on the Google Form. Remember, each parent only has a total of 3 votes to cast, regardless of the number of children they have in our schools.

To cast your 3 votes, please [CLICK HERE](#).

[Electronic and paper-based voting will close at 10.00am on Wednesday 14th May.](#) Unfortunately, votes received after this date and time cannot be counted in the ballot. Votes will be counted and the result announced as soon as possible after this date.

I hope you will decide to vote as the Local Governing Body is very important in the decision making of our schools. If you have any question about the process, please feel free to speak to Mrs Christoforou, Mr Hawkes or me, and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Martin Jones
Executive Head Teacher

Appendix 1b: Personal Statement Form

Name AMNA BABAR.

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor: MY NAME IS AMNA BABAR AND I'D LIKE TO HUMBLY PUT MYSELF FORWARD FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT GOVERNOR. SOME OF YOU MIGHT KNOW ME AS MRS.B, YOUR CHILD'S T.A AS I'VE WORKED AT ST. ELPHEGE'S SCHOOL SINCE 2019. I'VE A CHILD CURRENTLY AT ST. ELPHEGE'S IN YEAR 4 AND AN OLDER CHILD WHO COMPLETED HER EDUCATION HERE IN 2022. GIVEN MY UNIQUE POSITION, I BELIEVE I CAN BRING MY PASSION FOR HELPING CHILDREN TO LEARN AND GROW; TO THIS ROLE. I'VE PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AND HOLD A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. I FEEL THAT THESE MAKE ME AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR THE ROLE OF PARENT GOVERNOR. I HOPE I'LL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY - THANK YOU.

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Name NICOLAS ELFFREDO

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor:

- * To support the school with its mission and to help the staff with the important decisions they have to make.
- * To ensure that the school is a vital member of the community.
- * I currently have 3 kids attending the school.
- * I started and sold two businesses in the past and worked at a multi-national bank
- * I currently work at Google managing multi-million dollar projects for some of our biggest customers, and would contribute valuable skills to the role.

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NameCharles Fianko.....

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor:

Fellow parents elevate the Parent Governor to advocate on their behalf—to be the voice in the room, capable of articulating their children's priorities, concerns, and needs. Recognising this, I regard the role as fundamentally a call to serve. And a service of which I feel I am willing, and capable. I look to take the approach of simply not just being there to hold to account, but to ensure meaningful collaboration between parents, school leadership, and teachers, maintaining a sharp and constant focus on what genuinely matters to our children's development and wellbeing. Including my own two boys who attend the school.

My suitability for this responsibility is deeply rooted in my personal background—I am of the soil in which the school has its foundations. Having grown up in the area surrounding Regina Coeli, I have personally encountered many of the opportunities and challenges our children face today: navigating the pathways toward confidence, discovering one's voice, and achieving academic growth within the distinctive context that Croydon provides. This shared experience grants me an authentic voice, capable of genuine advocacy.

I also believe upholding the integrity of the school's Christian ethos is paramount. Scripture encapsulates this succinctly: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace" (1 Peter 4:10). This embodies precisely my perspective on the role.

Professionally, as a Fund Manager in the City of London, I regularly scrutinise senior corporate executives, ensuring accountability and transparency. The advocacy, analytical rigour, and clear-eyed accountability demanded in my professional life will directly translate into thoughtful, robust representation on behalf of our school community.

Charles

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Name ANARBA HUGGINS.....

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor:

MY REASONS FOR WANTING TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF PARENT GOVERNOR ARE QUITE SIMPLE.

FIRSTLY, I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION. THERE IS NOTHING MORE FULFILLING THAN WATCHING CHILDREN GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND ~~CONFIDENCE~~ DEVELOP A CURIOSITY FOR LEARNING THAT WILL SHAPE A BRIGHT FUTURE. I BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN DESERVE ACCESS TO AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION, AND THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERATION TO DELIVER THIS. I WOULD WORK TIRELESSLY AS A GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM TO ENSURE THIS IS ACHIEVED.

SECONDLY, I HAVE THE EXPERIENCE AND QUALITIES TO UNDERTAKE THE ROLE. MOST OF MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN. I UNDERSTAND HOW SCHOOLS WORK. I AM A TEACHER WITH OVER ~~SEVEN~~ FIFTEEN YEARS EXPERIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION, WHO HAS LED ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, AND WORKED WITH A RANGE OF ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

FINALLY, I AM EAGER TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT EXISTS IN OUR SCHOOLS. THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOLS PROVIDES US WITH SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER, SHOW APPRECIATION AND CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT. MY DAUGHTER LOVES ATTENDING SCHOOL FOR THIS VERY REASON, AND IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO BECOME A PART OF THIS AND FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF PARENTS AND CARERS WHO CLEARLY HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO WATCH THEIR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL FLOURISH. AS

A GOVERNOR, I WISH TO SERVE AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITY, SO OUR SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO GROW AND ARE SUSTAINABLE AND SUCCESSFUL IN THE FUTURE.

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Name ANNA KRALIK-PRZYBORSKA

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor:

I AM A WIFE, MOTHER OF TWO GIRLS, FRIEND, DAUGHTER AND PRACTISING CATHOLIC PASSIONATE ABOUT PEOPLE, BELIEVER OF UPBRINGING IN LINE WITH STRONG VALUES, SUCH AS TOLERANCE, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

I AM ALSO A HOLDER OF A FINANCE DEGREE WITH A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN HUMAN RESOURCES ACROSS FINANCIAL SERVICES.

I BELIEVE THAT I CAN BRING BOTH SOFT SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE TO THIS ROLE OF A PARENT GOVERNOR AND OFFER EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO SCHOOL OPERATING MODEL.

I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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Name ALEXANDRE.....PAIS...DA...SILVA

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor:

AS A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME HELPING CLIENTS MAKE SOUND, WELL-GROUNDED INVESTMENT DECISIONS AND GROW SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES. AS A PARENT, I AM CONVINCED THAT FAMILY IS MY MOST IMPORTANT "BUSINESS" IN LIFE AND THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION I CAN GIVE BACK TO SOCIETY. AS A CATHOLIC, I BELIEVE EDUCATION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS MISSION, AND AS A BUSINESS FOR GOOD, IT SHOULD BE PURPOSEFUL, SUSTAINABLE, AND IMPACTFUL FOR THOSE INVOLVED: PUPILS, PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS, AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

THIS REQUIRES CONTINUOUS REFLECTION ON THE CRITERIA THAT SHOULD GOVERN DECISION MAKING AND HOW THEY TRANSLATE INTO PRACTICAL, PRESENT DAY CHALLENGES. AS A PARENT GOVERNOR, I'D STRIVE TO CONTRIBUTE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LATE CLAYTON CHRISTENSEN - AUTHOR OF HOW WILL YOU MEASURE YOUR LIFE? - A CHRISTIAN HARVARD PROFESSOR WHO EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF A ROBUST FRAMEWORK ENCOMPASSING STRATEGY, RELATIONSHIPS, INTEGRITY, ETHICS, AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN PURSUIT OF A SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOUR, TRUE HAPPINESS AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.

ADDITIONALLY, DRAWING FROM MY PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE, I MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE LEADERSHIP IN ASSESSING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS, ENERGY COSTS, AND OVERALL OPERATIONS.

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Name SANJAY WADVANI

Please complete in block capitals.

Why I would like to become a parent governor:

I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE WIDER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY THAT HAS GIVEN SO MUCH TO MY DAUGHTER SINCE SHE JOINED REGINA COELI IN 2019. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT A CATHOLIC, AS A CIVIL SERVANT I HAVE UPHELD SIMILAR SHARED VALUES, SUCH AS INTEGRITY, HONESTY, OBJECTIVITY AND IMPARTIALITY THROUGHOUT MY ALMOST 38 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE UK.

AS A MEMBER OF HIS MAJESTY'S DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, EMPLOYED BY THE FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (SEE WWW.GOV.UK/GOVERNMENT/PEOPLE/SANJAY-WADVANI), I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO SERVE IN MANY COUNTRIES: CHINA (TWICE), INDIA, SYRIA, CHILE AND TURKMENISTAN (THE LATTER AS HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR). IN ALL I HAVE UPHELD MY DUTIES TO THE HIGHEST STANDARD, WHETHER INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS, HELPING MANY BRITISH CITIZENS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, OR HELPING BRITISH COMPANIES TO BUILD THEIR EXPORTS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF THE UK ECONOMY. I HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MANY SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, ENSURING THAT THE RELATIONSHIPS THE UK BUILDS OVERSEAS ENCOMPASS ALL AREAS OF LIFE, INCLUDING ACROSS COMMUNITIES OF FAITH. I WAS AWARDED THE OBE IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS 2007 FOR MY SERVICES TO THE FCDO.

MY LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE HAS HELPED ME DELIVER AS BOTH A LEADER AND TEAM PLAYER, WORKING TO ENSURE THAT ALL I COLLABORATE WITH ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR GOALS. MY EXPERIENCE IN ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPING STRONG STRATEGIC VISIONS, CRISIS AND PROJECT PLANNING, IN THE USE OF BEHAVIOURAL THEORY, AND MY ABILITY TO NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILD CONSENSUS WOULD I HOPE HELP SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

~~I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS A GOVERNOR AND TO HELP GROW AND STRENGTHEN THE SUPPORT TO THIS COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS.~~