



St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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St. Vincent's Election of Parent Governors 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION LETTER

I wrote to you on 19th March 2019 to invite nominations for the two parent governor vacancies.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are three candidates for the two vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are:
 - FL
 - AO
 - LR

You may vote for up to two of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot paper, you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the names of the parents you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the envelope. This should then be put in the ballot box, which can be found in the school hall on **Tuesday 9th April from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

The count will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 9th April in the school hall. The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn. All candidates are welcome to attend the count.

When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Elaine Cooper
Returning Officer



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FL

As a parent, I am passionate about not only the quality of education at St. Vincent's. I am also conscious of children's wellbeing.

With my personal experience having received education abroad in Hong Kong, as well as boarding school in England, I will be able to bring in different perspective in education.

As a profession, I am a doctor in the NHS. I am familiar with governance framework and constantly thrive to make improvement at work. I will be able to use my skills and ensure a continuous improvement and safeguard the quality of education at St. Vincent's.

AO

I have been a parent at St. Vincent's since 2010 when our eldest son, now in secondary, started nursery. Our second son is currently in year 6 and our daughter in year 2. I have also been a class representative for the past four years.

I am very committed to our Catholic faith. With a group of St. Vincent's mums, we set up a children liturgy group at St. James's eight years ago which allowed me to meet numerous pupils from the school (and elsewhere) and enjoy their lively and more often than not thought-provoking insight on the Gospel. More recently, we also set up a teenagers group.

Professionally, I used to work in the banking industry and am now a part-time lecturer in accounting.

I feel I know the school well and would be honoured to be serving as a governor. I hope my knowledge in accounting and finance could prove useful for the school and would like to contribute to even stronger links between St. Vincent's and St. James's and help build a happy community of Catholic families in Marylebone.

LR

I am a lawyer with twenty years of corporate and commercial experience, having advised all types of organisations from seed-funded start-ups to household names such as McDonalds Restaurants, The Disney Corporation and Levi Strauss. I have also been a lecturer in law at the University Statale in Milan and worked as an assistant to an MEP at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

On the creative side, I am also a writer and have written for the likes of the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Ealing studios.

More importantly than the above, I have a vested interest in the success and well-being of the school, with 2 sons in attendance (Yr 3 & Yr 2) and a daughter who will hopefully be attending St. Vincent's in two years' time. As a parent governor, I would hope to help with maintaining and building the already strong sense of community around the school and to promote its Catholic values and its aims of educational and pastoral excellence.



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