



St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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St. Vincent's Election of Parent Governor 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION NOMINATIONS & VOTING LETTER

I wrote to you on 28th November 2022 to invite nomination for the parent governor vacancy.

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

Attached to this letter are:

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

LC
AF
MH
MLB
IM
CP

You may vote for one 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 **Wednesday 14th December from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

Unfortunately, as there are postal strikes at present we are unable to offer the option of postal votes.

The count will take place at 9:30 a.m. on **Wednesday 14th December** 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,
E.Cooper

Elaine Cooper
Returning Officer



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LC

Dad of three, I have been a St. Vincent's parent for the past 12 years. During all these years, I have always been impressed by the safe learning environment and the strong education provided by all teachers and staff. Our eldest children have now moved to secondary school and there is no doubt that St. Vincent's prepared them well for a smooth and successful transition and I know that our youngest daughter will benefit from her current education. More than a school, St. Vincent's strength relies on its ability to bring families together and form a wonderful community with robust bonds that provides positive guidance to all pupils. This is a testament of the vision and leadership of the schools development from the side line. I now feel it's time to give back to the school and its community. Since we moved to London 16 years ago, I have worked in the tech industry from large tech companies to start-ups to becoming an entrepreneur. I believe I can bring that experience and complement the skills of the board of governors of St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School. If I am elected, my goal would be to help St. Vincent's school to continue to provide our children with a great education and prepare them for the challenges of a world that is being digitalised at a fast pace.

AF

My late father, a schoolteacher all his working life, was a firm believer in the importance of a good education thereby giving children the best start in life, irrespective of their background – this why I am excited to apply for the position of parent governor at such an outstanding school. I am proud to have two children in St. Vincent's, actually in EYFS & KS1 so I will be here for many years to come.

Recently, I successfully defended my doctoral thesis in the subject area of information security under the co-supervision of Professor Julia Davidson OBE, a leading UK expert in the field of online harm and child protection. An IT professional and auditor/auditee with nearly thirty years' experience, I also have voluntary experience within the security and careers panels of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, as finance director of a property management company and seven years of service in the Territorial Army.

A regular congregant and lector at Spanish Place for the last eight years, I appreciate how the Church provides important spiritual growth for our young people. I would be looking to build on existing ties with the church as well as taking a strong interest in the safety of all our children online as well as protection of the school's valuable information assets. St. Vincent's is an excellent school and I would like to offer the benefit of my experience and time to ensure it remains the very best.

MH

My name is MH and my son has been attending nursery at St Vincent's since September of this year. I wish to nominate myself as I believe that my previous role working within HR with a focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within organisations puts me in a position to strengthen St Vincent's standing, not only as a school but as part of the wider community in the Marylebone area. To be elected as governor would also allow me to help plans to make improvements where and when needed which enables St Vincent's to continue to be an outstanding school.

I have a very strong belief in children's school experience and how it sets the foundation for the trajectory of the rest of their lives. Having had my son in the school for only a couple of months, I have been able to witness the incredible work the teachers do to be resourceful as well as a place of encouragement to help children thrive. As such, I would love to have the opportunity to work closely with Miss Coleman and the rest of the school governors to help continue to make an impact within the school. I would also be looking to be involved in helping raise the school's profile within the community.

I have a very strong work ethic and love being part of the school within any capacity I can and I am currently an active member of the SVPA.



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IM

My ongoing experience in teaching is only one of the reasons why I would like to be considered for this position. I am passionate about justice, equal and intellectual opportunities for all, and above all, I believe in education as the best way to build up a collaborative and vibrant community.

I believe in schools as places of inclusivity and individual growth, where students and teachers work together to build a better society. I have chosen St. Vincent's school for my daughter because I want her to be inspired by the great principles of integrity of conduct, participation others' people's life, and compassion for all human beings.

I would like to get involved in St. Vincent's initiatives and taking part into this formative journey as parent governor, to give my honest contribution to a school where I can see children happy and safe together, united by Catholic teachings, and humanistic values.

My students would describe me as patient, compassionate, and someone who always goes the extra mile for them. Therefore, I think that it is about time for me to offer the skills acquired as a secondary teacher and apply them into a primary school context. I would be happy to listen and contribute to the positive developments of St. Vincent's School, giving my advice on the curriculum, on safeguarding matters, and on implementing strategies to support all children to achieve their full potential.

MLB

After having spent two years as SVPA Class Rep, I would now welcome the opportunity and privilege to be part of St Vincent's Governing Body.

I am passionate about ensuring that our school keeps offering all children the best opportunities through pastoral care, excellent academic structures, and resources, and appealing after-school activities.

This strong foundation layer and identity provide pupils with great ethos and core values that are essentials to a happy, safe, and successful childhood and more.

I am looking forward to dedicating time and enthusiasm to support St Vincent's leadership team to maintain and develop our School's great vision and strategic direction.

CP

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as Parent Governor as I believe I can bring a lot of relevant skills and experience to the role. I would very much like to contribute to the schools ethos and mission. My work experience relates to risk, compliance and audit and holding organisations to account. In my current role I am responsible for assessing regulations and how best to meet them. Furthermore, I work in technology, specifically for one of the leading cloud service providers. I understand how technology can best be used in our lives. Having two children at St. Vincent's that have been there for three years has given me a great appreciation for how the school brings a high educational standard in the catholic ethos and would like to support this. Having held previous voluntary positions alongside my work I understand and can commit to the requirements of the role. If I were to be elected as Parent Governor, I would work with the school body in the best way possible to meet its mission and strategic objectives. Many thanks for your consideration.



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