



ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

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Parent Governor Election

Further to the recent appeal for nominations, three parents have submitted their interest in serving the school as a Parent Governor.

As there is just one current vacancy, an election will now be held to determine who will be appointed as Parent Governor. Each **family** receives one vote.

The 3 candidates have prepared statements on the reverse of this letter to help you determine who you wish to vote for.

Ballot papers must be placed in the attached envelope and put in the ballot box at the school office by **12 noon on Monday 19 February 2018**. Any incomplete, unclear or spoiled papers will not be counted so please ensure that you read the instructions carefully.

The ballot papers are numbered as a fraud prevention measure – there is no record of which ballot paper went to which family.

The Clerk to the Governing Board will be the Returning Officer and will conduct the counting of the votes in the presence of at least two witnesses.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Governing Board



STATEMENTS

Richard Aikman:

In all honesty I have no idea what it takes to be a Parent Governor, and neither do I claim to be the best person for the job, but I applied for the role in order to contribute to the ongoing success of what I believe is a wonderful establishment.

St Joseph's is an exceptional school, whose values I respect and share, and whose academic record is quite literally second to none in Brent.

In the four years my children have been attending I have been impressed by how the school has managed to contend with some very trying circumstances, not least the fire of 2015, and yet still return outstanding results.

What has most struck me is how my daughters and their school friends are developing not just academically but also as human beings, and that is thanks in no small part to the dedicated teaching staff.

That is not to say that improvements cannot be made and, if selected for the post, I will do my best to help address any shortcomings by conveying the opinion of parents on important decisions concerning the school.

I believe that the role of a Parent Governor is to represent the perspective of parents in general, and not to be a voice-piece for one particular parental view.

If chosen I will strive to work together with the Board of Governors to help continue raising the standards, improve the outcomes of all the pupils and ensure St Joseph's continues to punch above its weight.

Kristina Gladunskaya:

I am a mother of two children currently attending St Joseph's RC Primary School. My son is in Year 5 and my daughter is in Reception class. We have lived in Harlesden for many years and we love our very diverse area. I feel blessed having an opportunity for my children to attend the best primary school in Brent and have access to the best education. I want the school to be successful and accommodating to its pupil's needs.

I work in the finance department in a secondary school in Harlesden. I can surely bring my accounting knowledge to the Governing Body.

I am passionate about children, well-being, creativity, cultures and languages. Diversity and equality are very important to me and my family. I want children to be happy, confident and reach their full potential regardless of their backgrounds. I want them to be the best they can be.

Nicholas Ochere:

My name is Nicholas Ochere and I want to apply for the vacant position of a Parent Governor as I have been part of the school community for the past thirteen years. I have been living in Brent for twenty two years. In 2004, the then Mayor of Brent, representing Sure Start, awarded me as an Outstanding Father of the year. Then in April 2017, I received another award from the then Mayor for my contribution to the community. I am an author and a creative artist, currently studying for HND in Health and Social Care.

I have had a good rapport with successive Mayors of Brent Council and hope to be a voice for both parents and the school where necessary.

My children, Patience, Felicia and Joseph Ochere all had their Primary education at St. Joseph's and so is my last child, Nicholas Ochere Jnr. who is currently in Mrs Gandhi's class.

I have interacted with teachers like Mrs. Gillian, Mrs. Nicholas, Ms. Foley (now Mrs Watson), Ms Martina, Mrs. Simons, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Parker (later Mrs Mackey), Mrs, Smith Ms Jo, Ms Samuels, Ms Elmarini, Mrs. Banks, Ms. O'Donnell etc. In 2006, I made a wooden wheelbarrow for the school which was used as a flower pot.

Among other reasons, I love St Joseph's for the moral and Biblical principles/disciplines it has instilled into my children and will serve it better if given the opportunity.