



Bligh Primary School
Bligh Way, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 2XJ

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24th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

I wrote to you on 8th January 2018 to invite you to consider becoming a Parent Governor on the new Local Governing Board, or nominating another parent to do so. Since there have been more nominations than vacancies, we now need to hold an election.

Enclosed with this letter is:

- A copy of each candidate's personal statement
- A ballot paper with the names of the candidates

The candidates are:

1. Caroline Chandler
2. James Jefferson
3. Simon Thomas

There is one Parent Governor vacancy at this school. Each eligible parent is entitled to one vote for this vacancy, irrespective of the number of children they have attending the school. Completed ballot papers should be returned to the school in a sealed envelope by 7th February 2018, being ten school days from the date of this letter. Please mark your envelope 'Parent Governor Election' and write on it your name and address, and the name(s) of your child/ren, and sign it across the seal. Sealed ballot papers can be returned to the school in either of the following ways:

- To the ballot boxes assigned to the members of the Senior Leadership Team on duty at both of the Infant and Junior school gates each morning;
- During the rest of the day until 4pm, to the ballot box situated in the main reception.

If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return your sealed vote to me at Bligh Primary School, Bligh Way, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 2XJ.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Poad
Headteacher

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF YOUR SEALED VOTE IS WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 4.00PM.

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Election of Parent Governor – candidates' personal statements

CANDIDATES:

1. Caroline Chandler

I am a parent of a year 5 student and my older child also attended Bligh Primary School so I have been associated with the school for over 10 years. I have experiences of the baby room, Cherry Nursery, Infant and Junior schools.

I have seen the school change and evolve a lot over this period of time and have always been in full support of these changes and can understand why change is necessary.

A parent's perspective and input is crucial in helping to shape and model the future of Bligh Primary School. I am fully committed to the role of Parent Governor and the responsibilities it brings.

As a Parent Governor I will actively support the Headteacher and Management Team with an aim of achieving excellence for our children.

2. James Jefferson

I would like to put myself forward for the new school's Local Governing Board. I have 2 children at Bligh Primary, Vega (yr R) and Jedson (Cherries). I live in Strood and moved to the area with my wife just over two years ago. Our children's education is extremely important to us and while I don't have any experience regarding schools I believe I can contribute to the role.

My working background is over 20 years at the BBC, I have a good common sense way of working, approachable, flexible and a good communicator. I do keep up to date on current affairs including the fast nature in which schools are changing.

Most of all is the fact that Bligh Primary has made our children very welcome and the teachers we have met and worked with have been exceptional and I would like to give back something in return.

3. Simon Thomas

In my professional life, I am a Police Officer within the Metropolitan Police, working in a specialist team who deal with Gang and Youth Violence. In addition to this, I also work very closely with external and council partners, like Social Service, Housing and other such support agencies which includes attending and sometimes running meetings, all with the joint aim of assisting the young people into getting out of a life of crime.

In my private life I am a qualified Scout Leader for the Scout Association where I have held Leadership Positions within the Cub, Scout and Explorer Sections who range from 8 years to 18 years of age. In these posts, my responsibilities are numerous, ranging from teaching the young people new skills & discipline, planning outings like camping trips & visits, managing the administration & finances of the section and also interacting with parents & leasing with other groups or organisations.

I feel that the experiences in both my private and professional life have provided me with the required skills that I may need in understanding the role of a Parent Governor within the School.

Election of Parent Governor at Bligh Primary School - Ballot Form

THERE IS ONE VACANCY FOR A PARENT GOVERNOR.
YOU MAY VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

CANDIDATE	<u>MARK ONE 'X' TO INDICATE YOUR VOTE</u>
Caroline Chandler	
James Jefferson	
Simon Thomas	

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