



12th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR. VOTING PROCEDURE

There is **one vacancy** for a Parent Governor on the Local Governing Body. The following parents are standing for election:

- David Balls
- Neil Brown
- Louise Davies
- Nicholas Flux
- Alison Mlot

A brief personal statement for each candidate can be found at the bottom of this letter.

The ballot process will be completed by an electronic vote (paper ballots will be sent to households who have previously stated their preference for paper communication):

- Only the parents/carers of students currently registered at the school may vote.
- Ballot emails will come from 'election@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk' address.
- Each household, which is the registered address where the child/children resides, is entitled to a maximum of 2 votes (if you have 3 children at QEGS, the household will receive a maximum of 2 votes).
- All voting will be anonymous.

Please follow the voting guidance shown below:

Electronic voting:

- Each eligible voter will receive an email with a unique 'validation code' which is to be submitted on the ballot form linked in the email.
- If a household uses the same email contact for both parents/carers; two emails will be sent to the same email address, each addressed to the eligible voter.
- Each parent/carer to tick one 'box' against the name of the person for whom they wish to vote for.

Paper voting:

- Paper voting forms will each have a unique validation code.
- Each parent/carer to put one 'X' against the name of the person for whom they wish to vote for.
- Please put the completed ballot paper in an envelope marked 'Parent Governor Election' and seal it. **DO NOT SIGN EITHER THE BALLOT PAPER OR THE ENVELOPE.**
- Paper votes can be returned via your child – sealed boxes will be positioned; on the top site in the Main Reception, and on the lower site, in the Sixth Form Reception.

- If you wish to return the ballot paper by post; please address to Mrs C Bramwell, Clerk to the Local Governing Body, The Green Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1EP.

A Group Text will be sent out to notify voting emails/voting papers have been sent out (check spam/junk emails if no voting email received). Paper voting will be sent via your child (or posted to address if child absent/self-isolating).

All votes are to be returned to school by midday, Friday 27th November 2020, which is when voting will be closed. Voting papers/electronic votes received after this time and date will not be counted.

The electronic voting will be collated by the IT Department and then presented to the Clerk and a Governor as a total received for each candidate. The paper votes will be counted and verified by the Clerk and a Governor. Both results will be added together for final totals.

The successful candidate will be informed as to the outcome of the ballot. Parents/carers will be notified as soon as possible by placing an announcement on the school website and sending a Group Text.

If you have not received an electronic vote via email or paper ballot paper by Monday 16th November, please email enquiries@qegs.email , or leave a voice message on 01335 343685, Extension 1207 for myself with your query.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Bramwell
Clerk to the QEGS Local Governing Body

BRIEF PERSONAL STATEMENT SUPPLIED BY

David Balls

I am a 60-year-old retired engineer married with three children - two in Year 11 at QEGS, and one at university. I lived in Staffordshire and Cambridgeshire when young, Bristol and Munich as an adult, and moved to Derbyshire eight years ago. I am a practical person, enjoying making and repairing things. I like sharing my knowledge, experience, and ideas. I am a long-time Scout helper and now an Explorer Scout leader. I have been a school governor for two primary schools, overseeing the amalgamation of two schools, and the building of new premises. As an engineer I solved problems, supported multi-national programmes and managed people – including recruiting and team building. I recently retired and, after time gardening, fixing cars and building models, I want a new challenge. I believe my skills, experience, enthusiasm and available time, would allow me to make a significant contribution as a parent governor.

Neil Brown

Acting as your Parent Governor, I would relish the opportunity to help and challenge QEGS to provide the very best they can for our children and prepare them for the future. Being approachable to listen to parents and pupils, bringing insights and skills to the school from my career and caring passionately about the welfare of all involved are the key qualities I would bring to the role. Recently retired - I have the time and energy to make a positive difference for you and your children.

I live locally with two children of my own at QEGS (and another two at Osmaston hoping to join in the near future). I am club secretary at Ashbourne Aztecs Junior Football Club and enjoy coaching the U14 Ashbourne Aztecs Wasps football team. I am a Chartered Engineer and worked for over 30 years at Rolls-Royce in senior leadership roles.

Louise Davies

I have two daughters, in Y8 at QEGS and Y4 at Ashbourne Primary. They both play girls football and I'm a big supporter of their involvement in this growing sport. I'm a regular parent helper for the Aztecs U13 girls squad - and hope to become an FA Level 1 coach in 2021. I currently volunteer as Treasurer for both Ashbourne Swimming Club and Ashbourne Primary PTA.

In my career, I've worked in senior roles for online research and software companies, using a wide range of technologies to connect with customers and colleagues. I feel strongly that my knowledge of data and technology would be valuable, especially as QEGS adapts in this ever-changing learning environment. I am keen to help to make QEGS be the very best it can be. I would be proud to use my experience, energy and passion to further strengthen the skills on the governing body.

Nicholas Flux

My wife and I moved to Ashbourne in 2005. We have 3 children; our eldest is in year 7. I passionately believe that education goes beyond exam results. Young people need a range of experiences to give them the best start to their adult lives.

My personal experience of both physical and mental health issues means I have a real interest in improving mental health and wellbeing for our young people.

I would bring a real breadth of experience to the role from my 23 years as a Chartered Accountant, 20 years as a Scout Leader and prior charity trustee roles. This covers many of the areas the school is interested in from leadership, strategy and decision making to finance, risk management/compliance, managing people, project management, quality/process improvement, technology and data analysis. I work collaboratively with people and seek pragmatic solutions whilst keeping a smile on my face.

Alison Mlot

I'm a mum of 3, who is motivated by making a difference. I believe all children can achieve great things with the right conditions and with teachers that can focus on helping them grow.

As a Girl Guide Leader and volunteer with Ashbourne Scouts, I love seeing children develop new skills. Leading £multi-million government funded investments, I'm well versed in governance and making the most of public monies. As a Business Advisor, I'm used to being a fresh pair of critical eyes, interpreting data, and supporting management teams to deliver improvement plans.

I've been an active member of a Parent Teacher Association and taught English in a Spanish school.

As the parent of a child with special educational needs I'm passionate about reducing inequalities and helping to provide the best whole education (not just exams) so that all students are given the best chance to flourish and reach their potential.