



2nd November 2021

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:

- Sarah Millican
- Alex Sammut
- Robert Savidge

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 to be posted in the sealed boxes which will be positioned; on the top site in the Main 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 submitted/returned to school by midday, Friday 19th November 2021, 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 Tuesday 9th November, please email enquiries@qegs.email , or leave a voice message on 01335 343685, extension 11207 for myself with your query.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Bramwell
Clerk to the QEGS Local Governing Body

BRIEF PERSONAL STATEMENT SUPPLIED BY:

Sarah Millican

Hi, my name is Sarah Millican (not the funny one), and I am mum to my son in Y12 (who will be too embarrassed if I name him!).

I have a strong belief in enabling all children to maximise their opportunities and discover their full potential. I trained as a Scout leader, supporting local groups for many years; I am a trained STEM Ambassador, presenting into primary and secondary schools; I deliver mock interviews at Derby based schools, years 10-13; I help organise the Derby Junior Triathlon.

I have worked in finance for 25 years. I feel my experience in planning, budgeting, challenging, analysing, recruiting, negotiating, listening and managing conflicts will benefit the committee, especially in these times of statistics and flightpaths.

I'd like to represent the parents of the school, and hope my energy, enthusiasm and commitment will help the children and teachers alike, to become an outstanding school.

Alex Sammut

Hi, my name is Alex and I am a father to two daughters (my eldest having started in Year 7 this September). I have been a Health and Safety professional for over 16 years, working with both local businesses and multinational organisations nationwide. I have lived in Derbyshire for over 30 years and have a strong passion for extracurricular clubs having played rugby to a high level and coached Tier 4 Women's football. As a Parent Governor I will not only strive for consistency and improvement within the annual, academic, statistics but more importantly will advocate for equality and inclusivity for all pupils who attend the school; championing for transparency and clear communication. My strengths lie in the form of professional auditing and inspections; carrying out regular gap analysis on company's health and safety policies and programmes as well as benchmarking within industry, undertaking risk assessments and policy development.

Robert Savidge

I have been a school governor for over thirty years, including Chair for over ten years at a large primary school. I have successfully secured funding for school expansion, developed wrap around care services, recruited two head teachers, been involved in grievance and disciplinary activities, carried out headteacher performance management and supported OFSTED inspections. I am currently Chair of governors at Kniveton Primary School.

During my career at Rolls-Royce, I gained extensive experience of people leadership, capital investment, facility management, audit, governance and programme management.

I completed a six year term as non-exec director at the Engineering Development Trust, a charitable organisation promoting STEM education and careers.

From my experience as a school governor and parent of four children, I am keen to support the QEGS governing body with my broad and extensive experience to deliver a fulfilling and enriching experience for all children.