

Candidates' Personal Statements

Kimberly BATEMAN

My name is Kimberly Bateman and I'd really like you to consider me for the position of school parent governor.

I currently have 2 children at our school, Dilys (Y4) and Ned (Y1)

We joined All Saints after a three year wait, which I hope offers a taste of my belief in our school.

I'm organised, energetic and enthusiastic and would love the opportunity to strive for continuous improvement with the best interests of the children, school and community at heart. I enjoy looking for positive solutions and also raising constructive challenges when required.

My role in my work life is Loss Adjuster for a leading insurance company. I've worked from home for 15 years and alongside this position I am also a certified Mental Health First Aider. Away from work I enjoy playing with Lego, sailing and hanging out with dogs when possible. Last but not least I lead time giving initiatives assisting charities such as National Trust and The Real Junkfood Project.

I'd really appreciate an opportunity to play a part in influencing the school's direction and culture. Thank you.

Mark BOTTOMLEY

Prior to retirement I worked as a Police Officer in several underprivileged communities helping to establish partnership programmes with Youth services and local education authorities designed to provide young children with motivation, discipline and direction.

One such programme aimed to rehabilitate extreme Youth offenders aged 10 to 15, a further project targeted the middle range of academic achievers aged seven to ten often neglected in term of focus needing strong direction and encouragement to avoid lapsing into disruptive tendencies but provided with motivation can develop outstanding personal qualities and life skills. After retiring I worked at Ilkley Grammar School as a supply teacher. I currently work within the local community providing gardening/building services for Otley Action for Older People and lecturing on the MSc Criminology course at Leeds University. As a mature fifty four year old father I feel my wide arrange of life experience has enabled a broader view of parenthood. I believe my insight into the world of education through teaching and work with young people combines well with this broader view potentially enabling a valuable contribution as a Governor.

My interests include coaching Junior Rugby and cricket, supporting Leeds Rhinos, playing the guitar and real ale!

Gemma BURKE

I have been a Senior Lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University for the last 10 years and previously worked in the NHS as a therapeutic radiographer. I sit on a number of national groups including a degree apprenticeship trailblazer and currently chair a national radiographer forum. I obtained an MSc in 2010 and also hold a PgCert in higher education

Outside of work I enjoy walking and the outdoors, meeting friends.

I have one son Freddie who is currently in Y2 and when I see how much he has gained from his time so far at the school it inspires me to want be more involved. I think it is a fantastic school not only from an educational perspective but also by how the fostering of key values and behaviours in the children are embedded. Although my background is in higher education I understand how critical it is that those values and key skills are fostered at an early age to give all children the opportunity to flourish and succeed. I would love the opportunity to become part of the team that supports the school to help all children to be the best they can be and really enjoy their education.

Ani EARNEY

Both of my children attend Otley All Saints Primary School - Pippa in Year 2 and Tom who started in Reception this year. We were delighted when both were accepted to attend this school because it has such a great reputation and a lovely, welcoming atmosphere.

I have worked in the finance sector for a number of years, and currently work for a finance company who invest in spinout companies from Universities. I head up a team who provide corporate governance and background administrative support to these early stage companies. These responsibilities have provided me with core business skills and experience such as analysing data, managing finances and budgeting, dealing with staff grievances and strategic planning which I would love to be able to use to support the school.

I would like to put myself forward as a candidate as I am keen to understand and be involved in the schooling of our children and the community we live in. I have many transferable skills and may provide an alternative view point to others due to my past work experience.

Paul FORSTER

By way of background, I am an in-house lawyer, so I work across practically all commercial legal disciplines (contracts, property, employment, regulatory, IP) and work with a wide range of businesses at board/committee level to try and essentially solve problems, maximise opportunities and minimise risk/costs – as such I think my 'skillset' would occasionally prove useful.

I'm also junior chairman at Otley Cricket Club and also one of the founders of Sport Chevin. My boys, Joshua and James, are in Y5 and Y1 respectively, so I would hope to be involved for at least the next 6 years if given the opportunity.

Being a parent governor would give me the opportunity to help shape the school and opportunities of all local children, not just my own. Notwithstanding my legal background, it is also the chance to help contribute on a more pastoral and rounded basis that appeals to me.

I would like to think I would be open and forthcoming in having views and suggestions, and would provide a positive contribution to the school. I would relish the chance to work alongside other parents and teachers to help make the best decisions possible.

Adele MAHER

I am lucky enough to be mother to three amazing children who now all attend All Saints School: boy/girl twins in Y3 and a boy in Nursery. I currently work as a childminder in our home. My own qualifications include a Psychology BSc and a PGCE in primary education. I have over 12 years teaching experiences in primary schools in England, and international primary schools in both China and Vietnam. I am a trained children's yoga instructor, with experience in leading sessions in preschool settings (I am currently running sessions in Nursery). I have all up to date qualifications for childminding, including paediatric first aid and a current DBS certificate.

My other interests are playing the African drums, reading walking our dog, and cooking. I myself am a lifelong learner and love to acquire new knowledge or test new ideas. My husband is a primary teacher too, and we regularly discuss the latest research or trends in child development. I go on courses when I can, and have attended sessions on Safeguarding, British Values, 'Narrowing the Gender Gap', Data Protection, and the development of phonics.

For me, preparing young children for life is one of the most important jobs there is.

Ian SHUTT

I'm Ian, dad to Sammy in Reception and also a former pupil of the school back in the 1980s before going on to All Saints Middle School and then Prince Henry's. My professional background is in finance, holding a range of accounting positions in some of the region's best known companies, and I'm currently responsible for forecasting the financials to allow Hitachi Capital UK to make appropriate strategic decisions.

Outside of work and parenting I enjoy sports. I have a season ticket at Burnley and play hockey for Ben Rhydding, where I used to coach the under 11 boys, and have been a successful team captain. I'm also currently working on setting up my own business in Otley.

Having experienced the school as a student, local resident and now as a parent, I've seen the impact it can have on its pupils, staff, families and the wider community. I'm keen to become a governor to share my experiences, offer insight and help to shape a strategy to ensure our children get the very best out of the education and opportunities available to them.



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR - BALLOT FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN SHOULD COMPLETE ONLY **ONE** BALLOT FORM

1. You may vote for no more than **one** candidate.
2. Please mark an **X** against the candidate you wish to vote for
3. Parents/guardians should seal their ballot papers in an inner, unmarked envelope which should then be sealed in an outer envelope signed on the back by the voter or voters. Voters should also **PRINT** their names below the signatures. This procedure is used in order that the school can identify which parents have voted and therefore a parent does not vote twice. If the school can identify which family the ballot form is from then it can be accepted.
4. Ballot papers should be returned to the school by **Friday 9th November 2018**.
5. The counting of votes will be held at the school on **Friday 9th November 2018** at **2.00pm**.

Put a cross in this box against the candidate you are voting for

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