



Dear Parents/Guardians

Parent Governor Election

There have been **5** nominations for the three vacancies of Parent Governor for Sudley Infant School.

Enclosed please find:-

- * Personal statements from the **5** candidates.
- * Voting paper(s) (sent with oldest child in each family).
- * Two envelopes.

VOTING PROCEDURES

1. You may only vote for **three** of the **5** candidates listed on the ballot paper. If there is more than three crosses on the ballot paper - the paper will be invalid.
2. Please note, if your child has brought home two ballot forms each parent should use a separate form for voting purposes.
3. "Parent" in relation to any child or young person, includes a guardian and every person who has the actual custody of the child or young person. By this definition of a parent from section 114 of the Education Act 1944, it is possible for a child to have more than two parents eligible to vote.
4. If the information in point (3) above applies to your family, additional ballot papers may be obtained from the school office.
5. Voting - we will be using a "double envelope system". The white, outer envelope will have written on it the child's name and class so that the ballot papers may be validated prior to opening by the senior Leadership Team. The sealed, smaller, brown envelope should contain the completed ballot paper(s).
6. Voting will take place on Friday, 11 October 2019 between the hours 8.45 am and 3.15 pm. Voting papers to be given to the staff on the doors at 8.50 am or handed into the school office.
7. The count will take place on Friday, 11 October 2019 from 3:15pm. Candidates will be notified as soon as possible.
8. Results will be sent by text to parents as soon as possible.

If there are any queries please contact me.

Regards
R Thomas
Headteacher



SUDLEY INFANT SCHOOL
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION OCTOBER 2019

You may vote for **THREE** candidates. Please indicate with an "X" which candidate you wish to vote for.

NAME

VOTE

Ian Atkinson

Sarah Brown

Jenny Fagnoli

Laura Gallears

Simin Hough

Ian Atkinson

I'm husband to Debbie and Dad to Harry (8), Isla (6) and Max (4). Max has recently started in Reception, while Isla is in Year 2 and Harry now at the Junior school (following 40 years later (!) in my Sudley footsteps). I have affection for Sudley from my own happy experiences but also want the highest standards right through until Max leaves in 2022 and beyond!! I've been a parent governor for the last 4 years and tried hard to support the School to ensure every child has a happy experience and best education possible.

School governance is the most important voluntary role in education. I take the responsibilities seriously and am lucky to be offered support by my employer, KPMG, to ensure that I have time to offer. For example 8 days per year to contribute during working hours as well as specialist advice, support and tools to know which questions to ask and what to do if I identify any issues.

Outside of work I'm a family man enjoying days out, holidays and supporting the children in their football, gymnastics, martial arts etc.... I'm a football fan with a season ticket and a keen runner.. Professionally, I have 23 years' experience developing strategy and improving performance in the NHS, recently as a Senior Manager at Alder Hey and now as a public sector management consultant. At Alder Hey I helped develop the vision, business case and design to enable the move to the new Hospital.

Sarah Brown

My three Children have been at this outstanding school – My daughter Bea is in Robins and I have 2 boys that have been through Sudley Infants. I'm originally a biologist/entomologist and have been into school supporting science teaching on three occasions, and so have seen our great teachers and classes close up.

Recognition of modern life – As a parent juggling work with family life, childcare arrangements, caring for others, life happening etc. I bring an acute awareness of how full our lives as parents are.

Inclusive approach – From my experience as a parent trying to access speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and other SEN services while also keeping pace with a super-keen academic child I bring a desire to see every child being supported to achieve their full potential.

Governance, Legal and Health and Safety Skills - From my policy roles in the Civil Service, I bring skills in governance from supporting the Board to make decisions, interpreting (and drafting) law, managing reporting to fulfil statutory requirements and Health and Safety. Previously, as a trustee for an educational performing arts charity I have had some experience of finance, fundraising and HR. From leading kids work at church I have experience of safeguarding.

Time to support - I have some time each week on my non-working day to give and additionally can apply for several days a year of special leave to help fulfil the governor role.

Thank-you for reading to the end!

Jenny Fagnoli

I wish to be considered as Parent Governor as I would like to contribute to the excellent education the school already provides, ensuring all our children receive the best possible opportunities and experiences. I would also like to get to know the school community more.

I am currently a School Business Manager at a Primary School where I have been for over the last 11 years. I enjoy working in the busy school office environment. My responsibilities include school office administration, day to day financial management of the school, including the school budget and human resources.

If I was elected as Parent Governor I would fully support the vision, aims and ethos of the school, as well as challenge. I feel I could bring and use my knowledge and experience of the education sector to give a fair parents' point of view on the many decisions the Governing Body have to make.

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Laura Gallears

Dear Parents/Carers, thank you for taking the time to read my statement in application for a Parent Governor role at Sudley Infants. As an experienced primary school teacher myself, I have the knowledge and understanding to help guide and govern Sudley Infants, to further enhance our children's education.

My daughter has just started in the Woodpeckers, and my son will hopefully be following in her footsteps in a few years time. I would welcome the opportunity to join the existing dedicated Governors to support the school in its vision to constantly strive for improvement.

Many Thanks,

Laura Gallears

Simin Hough

I am a qualified property solicitor specialising in the health sector. My experience has given me the understanding of the protocols required by public bodies and how they must be adhered to. I also have employment law experience. Having experience in the legal sector has enabled me to see how different businesses operate and how it is vital to ensure their goals and objectives are met.

I have previous experience of acting as part of a residents' association financial sub-committee. The financial sub-committee group had to ensure and oversee the financial performance of the managing agent and ensure the money was well spent. This was following a transfer of the property leasehold to a new owner and a change of managing agent. The new managing agent had a different method of managing the property and the property's maintenance budget.

I believe children going to school should get the best experience whilst in education and they should look forward to school. I have personal experience of different educational curriculums. This comes from my early school years outside of the UK followed by my family and I continuing our education in Scotland and England.

I would welcome the opportunity to act as a parent governor for Sudley Infant School.