

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Every parent (as per the parent definition under Section 576 of the Education Act 1996) of a pupil who is a registered pupil at St. Vincent's RC Primary School is eligible to vote for not more than 1 candidate to serve on the Governing Board of the School. A voting paper will be sent home or posted out on the 22nd November.

No other mark should be made on the voting paper other than your vote.

If you spoil your voting paper you may obtain another by returning this voting paper to the school.

This voting paper must be returned in the envelope provided to reach the Head Teacher no later than **noon on 7th December 2017**. The voting paper may be returned by post, personal delivery, or by your child who is a registered pupil at the school. Please mark your envelope '**Election of Parent Governor**'.

Information about individual candidates is as follows:

Name	Biography
<p>Mrs. D. Abraham</p>	<p>My son has just joined school in Reception although I also have two older children who both attended St Vincents from pre-school to Year 6. I work for an International Law Firm as their Director of Risk Management & Excellence. I sit on the Group Executive Committee and Group Audit Committee and take responsibility for all aspects of Risk Management and Reporting, Group Insurance placement, negligence and complaints reporting as well as advising the Strategic Board on areas of Corporate Governance. As a law firm, we are regulated by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority and I am the main contact for the regulator. I report directly into the firm's Chairman and maintain an independent and advisory role to the main Board.</p> <p>Having a role involved in risk management and excellence means I understand the need for continuous improvement and ensuring internal quality standards, policies and procedures and kept up to date. We are often subjected to external audits and regulatory inspections and so we ensure we are continually prepared and achieving high levels of excellence to benefit both ourselves and our clients.</p> <p>This would be my first role as a Parent Governor but I feel I have a lot of transferable skills and understanding to bring to the role and would take the responsibility given to me by Parents extremely seriously. I, myself, went through a Catholic education in Rochdale and from then to now have seen how things have changed massively from central funding to the curriculum and mandatory tests through to the actual needs of the children coming to school.</p> <p>My husband is a serving member of the Armed Forces and spends much time away from the family which leaves me with little time for hobbies! However, when I get chance, I enjoy my training sessions at the gym and watching all 3 children taking part in their chosen sports activities. I do enjoy a good thriller to read too and the odd cocktail with the girls!</p>
<p>Mrs. L. Coluccio</p>	<p>I currently manage the Schools and Academies Human Resources Team at nearby Local Authority and have worked in Schools HR in two different councils for over 12 years. In my role I support over 80 schools and academies with their HR needs as well as supporting Headteachers and Governing Bodies with employee relations matters such as absence management, grievances, disciplinary, dignity at work concerns, teacher and support staff capability, performance management and staffing structure re-design linked to budget reductions. This includes supporting SLT through investigations and advising Governors and Headteachers at employment hearings, particularly where dismissal may occur.</p> <p>I support schools with safeguarding issues including where concerns are raised under 'managing allegations against staff' and ensuring schools are compliant with the expectations outlined in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. I attend strategy meetings with the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) to support Headteachers/Governors/Designated Lead Officers where allegations have been made to ensure the appropriate course of action is taken.</p> <p>I am currently a Co-Opted governor at a school within another LA. This is a Community School and I was asked to join by the Governing Body after it received 'requires improvement' by Ofsted. A recommendation was to strengthen the Governing Body and they believed that, due to my job role, I have the skills required to contribute to the</p>

	<p>effective governance and success of the school. I have been a member of this Governing Body since March 2017 and have very much enjoyed the opportunity to work with this Governing Body to help move the school forward following it receiving its Ofsted outcome.</p> <p>I would love the opportunity to be part of the Governing Body at my daughters' school in the role of parent governor and to support the school to be the very best it can be.</p>
Mr. B. Greenwood	<p>I have considerable experience of overseeing the governance of organisations as well as contributing to their strategic direction. Organisations I have worked at board level for include RADPAC and Healthwatch Rochdale. I am also currently chair of Union Blackburn with Darwin Local Government branch, ensuring branch rules are followed.</p> <p>I am a senior leader at a local authority so have a good understanding of issues and national policy affecting schools.</p> <p>I am passionate about the school and believe I have a lot to offer.</p>
Mrs. K. Mair	<p>I am parent to Adriana (class 1V) and her little brother Rohan, who is two years old. I live locally with my husband and children and as a practising Catholic, consider myself a member of the school and church community.</p> <p>As a primary school teacher, I feel I have a set of skills that I could utilise well as part of the governing body at St. Vincent's. I have been in the classroom since 2005 and also a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) since 2008. I work at a primary school in Saddleworth, currently part time and feel I now have time to dedicate to the role of parent governor.</p> <p>I am very passionate about education and am particularly passionate about inclusion. As a member of my school's senior leadership team, I have strategic responsibility to ensure that all children feel safe, are fully included and have their needs met. I am also responsible for the progress of our pupil premium children, our looked after children and those who speak English as an additional language. I have taught in all key stages throughout my career, but currently teach in, and lead, Key Stage One.</p> <p>I have served as staff governor at my school for four years from 2008 until 2012 and was part of many governing committees as part of this role. I understand the roles and responsibilities of a school governor and found it a very rewarding experience. I love working collaboratively with other schools and colleagues, sharing ideas and learning from each other. I would relish the opportunity to do this at my own child's school, to support St. Vincent's in ensuring that all pupils get the best education possible and reach their full potential. On this basis, I submit my candidacy for the role of parent governor.</p>
Mr. P. Massey	<p>As a former pupil of St Vincent's RC Primary School I remember my time at school fondly. St Vincent's provided me with a foundation in education and morality that continues to serve me well in life each and every day.</p> <p>Along with my Wife I am a Director of a greeting card distribution company that we started together ten years ago. For the last three years I have chaired the Spotland & Falinge Ward area forum, and more recently became an active member of the multiple gold-award winning Rochdale In Bloom committee. Being self-employed permits the flexibility required to effectively fulfill the role of parent governor. As an experienced chair of a public meeting I understand the importance of bringing together various bodies to resolve issues in the community, make progress on proposals outside of meetings, apply discretion at all times to sensitive or personal matters, and to listen and communicate effectively with all involved.</p> <p>As parents we all want to support our children in the very best way possible, and the voice of parents is important in the effective running of the school. My Son is in Year 1, and my daughter will be coming to St Vincent's in two years time. As a family we attend Mass at St Vincent's each weekend. Our children's future is of the utmost importance. As a parent governor I look forward to working with Parents, the Head Teacher, Teachers and other governors to provide a positive contribution to the continued success of our children's school.</p>
Mr. G. Mongan	<p>I have two boys at St Vincent's, Louis and Callum in years 4 and 5. I would like to become a Parent Governor because I want the very best not only for my children but for all the children who attend the school. I want to be able to support the school staff</p>

	<p>in their role to make our children happy, confident and to give them the chance to become the very best they can be.</p> <p>I have been a member of the PTA since Callum started in reception and have been Chair for the last three years. I am an active member of the parish / local community and coach a local under 10's football team.</p> <p>I am the Environmental Services Manager for Tameside Council, where I deal with budgets and HR issues on a daily basis. In my work role I am used to continually reviewing the way we deliver our services with the aim of making improvements that best help the needs of our local residents. Similarly if elected as a Governor I would like to use these skills to help further develop the way the school delivers not only the educational needs of our children but also ensures they have the social and life style skills to help them succeed after they leave the school.</p> <p>I genuinely believe that St Vincent's is great school and I would love the opportunity to help the school to continue to succeed and improve further.</p>
<p>Mrs. K. Norton</p>	<p>My name is Kerry Norton and I am interested in becoming a parent governor at St Vincent's school to assist the Board, Mr Callaghan and his team in maintaining the school's high standards. My daughter is currently in year 4.</p> <p>I have a mix of skills which I feel will contribute to St Vincent's ethos and vision for the future.</p> <p>I'm a qualified Chartered Accountant with over 25 years experience working in practice. I've worked with small and medium sized companies and charities including 2 well-known local charities. I have worked for accountancy firms of varying sizes including a top 50 UK company.</p> <p>My roles have included undertaking the audits of the aforesaid businesses and presenting the results to the directors and shareholders. I also make procedural recommendations based on audit findings.</p> <p>I am about to start work for a more local accountancy practice. One of the companies I will be dealing with is a well known local sporting establishment who also do a lot of work within the community, including here at St Vincent's school.</p> <p>Outside work I also served as a Trustee for a local Charity which helps disabled adults get the help they require to live a more independent life.</p> <p>As a parent I have become increasingly interested how different schools, especially here at St Vincent's, deliver education to our children which will stand them in good stead as they go through life.</p> <p>Both my parents were teachers (head of department at secondary school and a primary KS1/reception teacher) and my sister is currently a primary school teacher and KS1 coordinator. I therefore have some insight into school life and the difficult decisions which have to be made with limited resources.</p>