



Ballot Paper - Election of parent governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor.

The governing board has a strategic role in the leadership of the school. Our core functions are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Hold executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Oversee the financial performance of the organisation and make sure its money is well spent.

Please use this ballot paper to vote.

1. Each parent must vote on a separate form
2. Each parent is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of vacancies e.g. one vacancy one vote; three vacancies three votes but only one vote can be used per candidate.
3. Please vote in ink by placing an X against the candidate(s) of your choice

Papers recording more than the required votes or marked in any other way will be invalid.

CANDIDATES

Name	Statement	
Sarah Dickinson	<p>My daughter has been going to St Philip's since reception class and is now in Year 5, and my son is in Year 2. So, I have been connected to the school for a number of years now and would be delighted to give something back by contributing to the work of the governing board. I care deeply about our school and want to help make sure it remains somewhere the children all get the best chance possible to learn, make good friends and have some fun.</p> <p>I'm someone who likes to think ahead and consider the bigger picture, so I'm confident I can help with strategic decisions for the school. I'm also not afraid to ask the tough questions,</p>	

	<p>always in a respectful way, to make sure we're doing what's best for all the children.</p> <p>Working as part of a team is something I really enjoy. I know that everyone brings their own ideas and experiences, and I love finding ways to work together and get things done. I am an effective contributor in meetings, always prepared and focused on the agenda.</p> <p>Building strong, trusting relationships is important to me, and I believe that by working together, we can make a real difference.</p> <p>I'd love the chance to bring my energy and commitment to the governing board and help shape the future of our school. Thanks for reading, and I hope you'll consider giving me your vote.</p>	
Flavia agria	<p>I am putting myself forward for the role of Parent Governor because I care deeply about our school community and want to contribute my skills and experience to help every child thrive.</p> <p>I am a Corporate Governance professional and have over 10 years of experience supporting boards and leadership teams across different projects and sectors. My role has given me strong skills in accountability, decision-making and strategic planning, all of which I believe are valuable in helping a governing board run effectively and transparently.</p> <p>Beyond my career I have always been committed to support and give back. I have strong ties to our local community and actively volunteer to support Charities, Churches, Housing Associations and the Police across Salford and Greater Manchester. I also have experience as a School Governor and understand the importance of teamwork, governance and keeping children at the heart of every discussion and decision.</p> <p>I am fully committed to undertake any training required to ensure I add real value to the board as I want to play an active role in the development and continuous improvement of</p>	

	<p>our governing body helping to support the strategy and vision of our school.</p> <p>Most importantly, I am a parent and want the best school for our children. A school that is safe and inspires</p>	
<p>Craig Buckley</p>	<p>As both a parent and a teacher of science and mathematics, I am deeply committed to education and to helping every child reach their full potential. With one child currently in Year 2 at St Philip’s and another I hope will join the school in the coming year, I have a personal interest in ensuring that the school continues to provide a supportive, stimulating, and inclusive environment for everybody.</p> <p>My background as a teacher has given me an understanding of how schools operate and the challenges they face. I have experience in curriculum development, assessment, and supporting a wide range of learners. I believe this insight would be valuable in contributing to the governing body’s discussions and decisions, particularly around teaching, learning, and pupil progress.</p> <p>Before teaching, I worked in scientific research, where I developed strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Research demands careful attention to evidence, collaboration and the ability to make balanced, informed decisions—all of which are central to effective school governance.</p> <p>As an active member of the school community, I appreciate the importance of effective communication, wellbeing, and family engagement in a child’s education. I would aim to represent the interests of parents with fairness and integrity, ensuring that their perspectives help shape the school’s ongoing development.</p>	

	<p>If appointed, I would work collaboratively with staff and fellow governors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Support high-quality teaching and learning.· Promote inclusivity, curiosity, and aspiration across all subjects.· Strengthen links between families and the school community.· Help maintain a safe, happy environment where every child can thrive. <p>I would commit to using my professional experience, time, and enthusiasm to contribute to the continued success of St Philip's. It would be a privilege to serve as Parent Governor and to play an active role in supporting the school's vision and values.</p>	
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Please return this form no later than 12pm on 14th November 2025 to the returning officer at school in a sealed envelope