



10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: Notice of ballot for parent governor election**

The closing date for nominations for our parent governor vacancy passed at noon on Friday. Four nominations have been received and the governing board is delighted by this response to the parent governor election.

Unfortunately, there is only one vacancy currently available, so a secret ballot must now take place. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will secure the role of parent governor for a four-year term of office.

Each parent or carer with a child attending Hollinhey Primary school is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of children they have in school. Voting in the election can be carried out electronically by clicking the link [here](#) or completing the attached ballot paper and providing it to the school office. The deadline for votes to be cast is **12.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

Each candidate had been asked to provide a statement of no more than 250 words in support of their nomination, which are detailed below. Please remember that you are voting for the person that you consider has the skills and experience to undertake the role successfully – it does not matter if you do not personally know the candidate whom you consider would be the right parent for the role.

Candidates	Supporting statement
Katie Clarke	<p>I am excited to apply for the role of Parent Governor. My daughter is in Reception at school and I would love the opportunity to support the school by contributing to its continued growth, bringing a different perspective to the board of Governors.</p> <p>I am Of Counsel (Senior Solicitor) at a global law firm with extensive experience in Professional Discipline and Regulatory Law, specialising in health, social care, and education. I regularly advise schools/organisations in respect of regulatory compliance, quality and safeguarding, and have previously sat on the Safeguarding Management Group at British Cycling. I have an in-depth knowledge of the regulatory framework in respect of these areas. I believe this is a key skill where I can contribute as a Parent Governor.</p> <p>I am passionate about social mobility and ensuring young people, regardless of their background, have the opportunities they need to succeed. As a trained Wellbeing and Neurodiversity Ambassador, I am also deeply committed to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of students.</p>

	<p>A position as a School Governor at Hollinhey will offer me a chance to bring my specialism and skills to a new setting and allow me to actively contribute to our local school community. I would be thrilled to use my expertise to help ensure the school is best placed to continue protecting and benefiting its students and continue to realise its 'HEART' values.</p>
<b>Claudia Federico</b>	<p>I am excited to apply for the role of Parent Governor at Hollinhey where my son is in year one. From a young age, I have been passionate about volunteering, earning both the Millennium Volunteers Award and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. I have also dedicated years to Girlguiding, supporting young people in developing confidence, skills, and a love for learning - values that I strongly believe in.</p> <p>Professionally, I work in HealthTech with a focus on AI, bringing expertise in technology, innovation, and strategic thinking. Alongside this, I run two side businesses, including a non-profit initiative in Wales that connects children with nature - reflecting my deep commitment to education, well-being, and the environment. With experience spanning business, technology, and child-focused initiatives, I am confident that my skills can contribute positively to the school's leadership. I am committed to ensuring the best outcomes for all children, supporting staff, and fostering an environment where every child can thrive. I would be honoured to bring my enthusiasm, experience, and dedication to this role.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<b>Kassam Mukadam</b>	<p>My name is Kassam Mukadam and I would like to apply for the role of Parent Governor at Hollinhey Primary School. As a father of 4 young children and a local resident of Sutton, I believe I am fully equipped to bring both a parental and community perspective by helping the board understand both viewpoints. My two eldest children are currently pupils at Hollinhey Primary School and my 3 year old attends SSJP. I therefore have a long term vested interest in seeing the school achieve its full potential and am confident I will make a solid contribution to the current governing board.</p> <p>My background is in business management, having established and ran several different companies for the past 20+ years. As a result, I have developed skills in budget management, liaising with different governing boards, people management and so much more - skills I hope to bring to the role. More recently I have transitioned into teaching and will soon qualify as a secondary school Maths teacher with Holmes Chapel Comprehensive High School. To further support my application, I have extensive experience volunteering as a Leader with the local Scout group. This has involved planning activities, attending overnight camps and keeping up to date with regular training sessions.</p> <p>I have a full understanding of the commitment it takes to be a parent governor and the necessity of attending meetings and training. I feel I can offer a great support to the school, its staff, students, parents and the local community.</p>
<b>Brittina Leigh-Pettengell</b>	<p>My daughter started at Hollinhey in Reception last September and I am thrilled to join a community that is passionate about enriching the lives of their children in many respects.</p> <p>Having volunteered as a Reception class representative for parents and also an active participant as part of the Friends of Hollinhey, I have found it deeply engaging and rewarding to be part of the collaborative effort made by parents and Hollinhey staff to provide for and enable our children to access a wealth of experiences.</p> <p>I've recently undertaken the responsibility for the pre-loved uniform and endeavoured to use a sales platform that is more accessible to parents. This has been well received by parents due to the improved process and increased awareness of availability of items. Funds raised</p>

	<p>from this not only helps the school, but also reduces the impact on the environment in regards landfill.</p> <p>I expressed my ideas, such as an animal encounter day as part of the enrichment activities scheduled for the summer term for all pupils and the financial education day scheduled for May 2025 to teach children some practical life skills in managing money.</p> <p>My expectation of a Parent governor is someone who can voice the collective valued opinions of parents in holding Hollinbey to the high standard it has already established as its core ethos. I am keen to help ensure our children become honest, valuable members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance and believe taking up this position would enable me to do so.</p>
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Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Sarah Clough**  
Headteacher

# Parent governor ballot paper

Parent name .....

To ensure a transparent and smooth election process please adhere to the following:

- Only mark one box
- Make your selection by marking the candidate of your choice with a 'X'
- Only provide one vote per parent or carer
- If your ballot paper is spoiled, please request another one from the school office
- Submit your ballot paper to the returning officer, Lisa Benskin, Governance Professional via the school office by **12.00pm** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025** or vote online [here](#).

Ballot papers recording more than the required votes or marked in any other way will be invalid and not included in the final count.

Candidates	Please mark vote with an 'X'.
Each candidate has confirmed they are aware of the reasons a person may not stand for election or appointment as a school governor and has confirmed they are eligible to stand for the role of parent governor.	
Name of candidate: <b>Katie Clarke</b>	
Name of candidate: <b>Claudia Federico</b>	
Name of candidate: <b>Kassam Mukadam</b>	
Name of candidate: <b>Brittina Leigh-Pettengell</b>	

Ballot papers will be counted by Lisa Benskin, AET Governance Professional from **12.00pm** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.