



8th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

ELECTION OF PARENTS TO SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS

I am writing to inform you that following the request for nominations in respect of the vacancy for Parent Governors, the following nominations have been received from parents wishing to serve as Parent Governors on the School's Governing Body for a period of four years:

Michele Palmer
Helen Brookes
Michelle Rose

A ballot is therefore necessary and a ballot paper is attached for your use. You may record one vote for up to one candidate of your choice. You may not vote twice for the same candidate, or vote for more than one candidate. To assist you in this matter, brief details of candidates are attached.

Ballot papers should be returned to the Headteacher's PA, Maggie Taylor, in an envelope clearly marked "Parent Governor Election – Ballot Paper". The closing date for the receipt of votes is **Monday 18th December 2017** at 1.00 p.m. Any votes cast after this time will be invalid. The counting of votes and declaration of result will take place on Tuesday 19th December 2017 and you will be informed of the result as soon as possible after that date.

Yours faithfully

G O'CONNOR
Headteacher



BALLOT PAPER

West Coventry Academy:

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PALMER Michele

BROOKES Helen

ROSE Michelle

Please place X in the box provided next to the name of one candidate of your choice. No other marks should be made. Incorrectly completed or defaced papers will be invalid.



INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES:

Michele PALMER

Like all parents we want the best for all our children and I believe we need to do the best to support the school but to challenge and question the way things are done sometimes.

I would like the opportunity to make a difference and be a voice for everyone. My name is Michele Palmer and I am a Mum to two boys and I want to become a Governor because I am passionate about Education and children that need that bit of extra support and what can be done to help them.

My background is varied but I am currently a stay at home mum. My past employment was in the Finance and Insurance Industries and Marketing and feel that I can give a lot of commitment to this position. I feel the skills I have in both my professional and personal life can transfer and make me a suitable candidate for the role of Parent Governor. I want to ensure that WCA continues to be a success and become the school of choice for everyone.

Helen BROOKES

My name is Helen Brookes and I am the parent of a Year 8 student. I am a child protection social worker and therefore very interested in the safety and well-being of all the children in the school.

I was a chair of governors in a primary school from 2010 to 2016 and worked hard with the Head Teacher and Leadership Team to take the school from special measures to outstanding.

Being a governor takes dedication and commitment both in terms of time and interest and I feel that I am in a position to offer this.

I understand how important it is for all members of the board to be actively involved in working with the school leaders to make improvements but also to be able to confidently challenge things. I would be interested in helping the school raise standards and improve outcomes for all the children.

Michelle ROSE

I am a mum to a Year 7 student, I also have a daughter in Year 5 and I work part-time. I was a pupil at Tile Hill Wood, more years ago than I care to remember!

I feel that parent partnership with schools is very important both for young people's learning and also piece of mind at home. I would like to help be part of this link and show parental support is important at strategic meetings.