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Dear Parent/Carer

## Voting for the Parent Governor Vacancy

You may recall that the Vice-Chair of Governors, Mr Charlie St Aubyn, wrote to you a short while ago notifying you of the Parent Governor vacancy on the school's Governing Body. We have received six nominations and would like to thank those parents that have put themselves forward. As more nominations than vacancies have been received a ballot is to be held.

The personal election statements submitted by the candidates along with the ballot paper(s) have been included with this letter. Every parent or carer of a registered pupil at this school is eligible to vote. The voting procedure is as follows:

- Every eligible voter may vote for up to one candidate
- A vote shall be indicated by placing the mark **X** against the preferred candidates' name on the green ballot paper
- Two envelopes are provided:
  - i) The green ballot paper(s) should be placed in the smallest, plain envelope and sealed
  - ii) This small envelope should be placed in the envelope with the pre-printed label on it. The information requested on the front of the pre-printed labelled envelope **must** be completed for verification purposes and will then be destroyed prior to the ballot count

This system enables your vote to be anonymous but also for us to be able to confirm that the votes we receive are from eligible voters.

- The envelope should be delivered to the school Reception either by your child, through the post or by a personal call at the school **before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 3pm**

The ballot will be closed at that time. The result of the election will be posted on the school website and notified to all parents/carers with registered email addresses after the count. A hard copy of the result will also be available from Reception.

Yours faithfully

**Celeste Moruzzi**

Clerk to the Governing Body

Returning Officer

**Enclosures:** Election Statements x6 (over three pages)

# **Edgbarrow School**

## **Parent Governor Election – October 2023**

### **Election Statements**

#### **Alex Cheema**

I would like to stand for the position of Parent-Governor at Edgbarrow School. I believe my finance skill set would lend itself well to such a position and I will be glad to help and provide guidance to the school, as required.

Specifically, I am a chartered financial adviser and I run my own thriving business. I have two masters degrees and an honours degree. Before starting my own business, I worked in the front office of a Tier1 investment bank in the city of London.

I live locally and I am ready to invest the time, on a pro bono basis, to help the school improve and develop, as required.

#### **Neil Davies**

I am pleased to put forward my nomination for the position of Parent Governor at Edgbarrow School. With two children currently enrolled at Edgbarrow—one in Year 11 and the other in Year 9—I am deeply committed to helping be a part in ensuring the success and well-being of all pupils at Edgbarrow.

My 25-year career in education, combined with my local residency, equips me with the knowledge and passion to contribute effectively to our school's development.

Throughout my extensive experience in education, I have witnessed the transformative power of a strong, supportive school environment. I am dedicated to helping to ensure that Edgbarrow continues to provide a safe and nurturing atmosphere where every child can thrive academically and personally.

If elected as Parent Governor, I will work on behalf of parents to aid the school in addressing the challenges and opportunities that our school faces.

I am committed to upholding the school's values, maintaining high educational standards, and supporting the students and staff.

I kindly ask for your support in this endeavour and the opportunity to serve our school community.

#### **Chris Hawkes**

I made a commitment 7 years ago to move to Crowthorne to ensure both my children Josh and Jess were eligible for Edgbarrow school. Josh has just joined Y7 and I hope Jess will be successful in 2 years time. I therefore have a vested and long-term interest in ensuring the school is fully supported in its continued excellence in developing Edgbarrow pupils. I am a Police Inspector with the Metropolitan Police with 29 years' experience in safeguarding and managing risk. I pride myself in good people skills, getting the best out of colleagues, supporting and challenging them where appropriate. I will adopt that same mantra in both holding the school's SLT and headteacher Mr Matthews to account and providing them with the same levels of energy and enthusiasm to support the school's vision and direction. I recognise the challenges facing children, particularly in contextual safeguarding and as a parent, it is and always will be my ultimate priority.

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#### **Hiten Joshi**

I am honoured to be considered for the role of Parent Governor position at Edgbarrow School.

With a background in delivering outcome-driven process improvements through my management consultancy practice, I feel I am well-equipped to contribute meaningfully to our school's governance.

I had the pleasure of serving as a governor at Oaklands Primary School. This provided me with valuable insights into the intricacies of educational system. I feel this experience prepares me to actively engage in committees and initiatives at Edgbarrow.

As the former Global Head of Learning at a leading global bank, I am dedicated to enhancing learning outcomes. Additionally, I'm a practicing executive coach with mental health training, committed to our students' well-being.

I envision Edgbarrow as an environment fostering personal growth and academic excellence. I believe every student deserves a supportive atmosphere for their personal and academic development.

I look forward to working with the team to ensure each student not only succeeds but thrives.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Yours sincerely

Hiten Joshi

#### **Sonia Kay**

Having 3 girls at Edgbarrow School in years 7, 9 and 10, I feel this is an exciting opportunity for me to put myself forward as a Governor, to be able to work with staff to build on the outstanding work that already takes place, whilst challenging and supporting the school to focus on areas for improvement.

I have been working in schools for almost 30 years, within mainstream secondary schools and special education. I am currently a Deputy Headteacher in a special school and alternative provision in Slough, where we work with some of the most vulnerable young people, whose predominant needs are Social, Emotional and Mental Health. We strive to enable them to achieve the best academic results they can, whilst also building independence and resilience.

The Corvus Trust and the Governors play a crucial role in the leadership of the school. I feel I have the experience to work effectively within this team, and hope that my understanding of the challenges being faced in secondary education today, together with my passionate belief that every child deserves to be given the best educational opportunities possible, will enable me to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to aim for excellence in everything Edgbarrow School does.

Sonia Kay  
October 2023

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**Kate Rawlinson**

Edgbarrow is a fantastic school with an outstanding OFSTED rating, and I would like to help the school continue to provide the best possible education and opportunities for all its pupils.

My name is Kate Rawlinson, and my son is in Year 9. I am a qualified accountant specialising in tax. In addition to my financial skills, I also have experience of the following:

- management of buildings
- health and safety
- human resources
- interpersonal skills, working in a team.
- managing staff and hiring employees

which I believe would help the governing body provide strategic direction for the school and ensure the school budget is well spent. I am also willing to commit the time to undertake training to acquire further knowledge to support the Governing Body and get to know the school better.

Most of my immediate family are teachers and my mother worked with children with special needs so I know how rewarding that work can be. Hence, I have a personal interest in education, the wider curriculum, special educational needs and safeguarding.

In addition to the above I very much enjoy working in a team and would love the opportunity to be able to share my experience /skills to benefit the school, the staff and its pupils.

Kate Rawlinson  
September 2023