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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION 3rd October 2018

Following the letter sent out to parents on the 19th September regarding the election of a parent governor at our school we have received three nominations.

There is **one** parent governor vacancy therefore we will be holding an election. **The role of the Parent Governor is to provide support and challenge to the leadership of the school as part of the full governing body.**

Please take the time to read the following statements and vote by placing a "X" alongside the nominee of your choice:

1. Seal your folded ballot paper and place into the numbered envelope provided **marking it Parent governor Election. (one vote per family)**
2. **Place the sealed envelope in the ballot box in the school office or you can hand this to the class teacher.**
3. Return this to the school by **Friday 12th Oct 2018.**

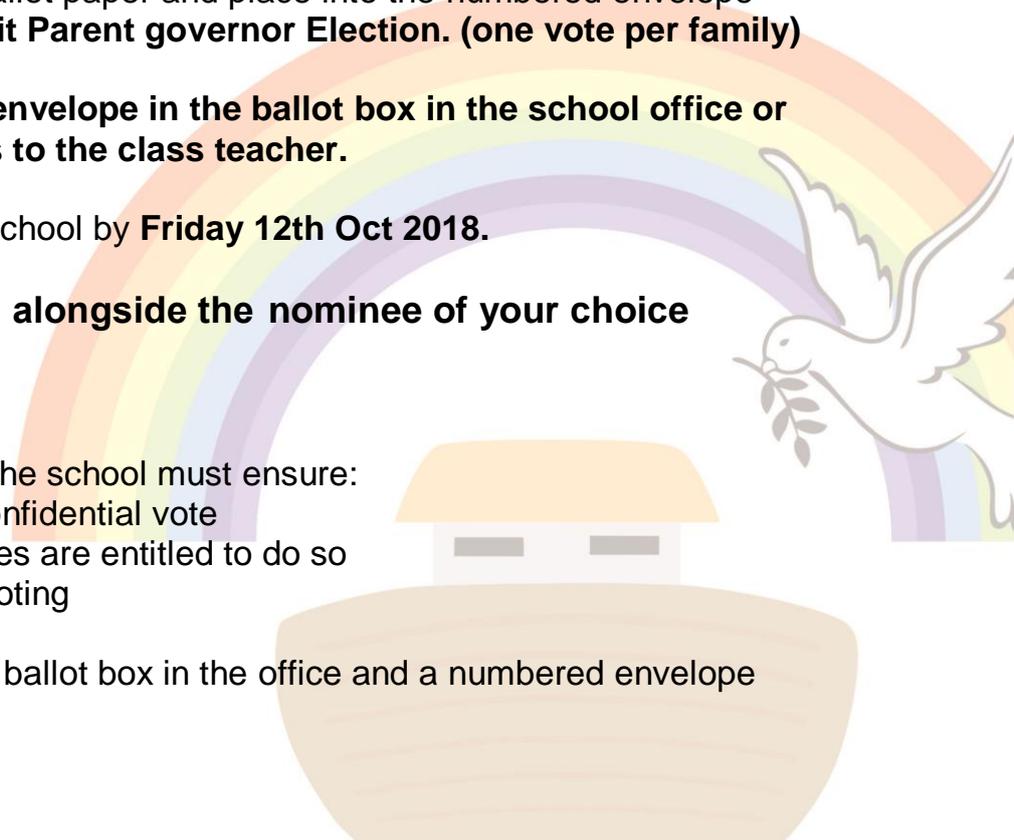
Please put "X" alongside the nominee of your choice

Voting System

In conducting the ballot, the school must ensure:

- i) parents can make a confidential vote
- ii) those who send in votes are entitled to do so
- iii) there is no duplicate voting

To achieve this we use a ballot box in the office and a numbered envelope system.





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<p>Emma Chatten</p>	<p>My name is Emma Chatten, mum to Harry (y3) and Oscar (reception).</p> <p>I would like to be parent governor to help support the staff in ensuring our school continues to be an amazing place for our children.</p> <p>I can commit my time and energy to the role and provide guidance and scrutiny to the school by representing the view of parents and carers.</p> <p>I'm passionate about learning and raising aspirations for all. I've worked in adult education for 12 years focusing on literacy and numeracy skills and have experience of Ofsted requirements and inspections. I now work part time at the University of Sheffield managing the support of disabled and dyslexic students ensuring they can achieve their full potential. I have extensive experience of managing staff and budgets and I've previously been a volunteer mentor with young people through the Prince's Trust.</p> <p>I'm friendly and approachable and if elected I will be committed to ensuring the school maintains its high standards and meets future challenges. Most importantly, I will support the school in delivering a happy and healthy environment for our children to grow, develop and achieve.</p>
<p>Darren Buxton</p>	<p>I would like to put forward myself as a candidate for election as Parent Governor. There are no restrictions that would prevent me from doing so.</p> <p>I am a parent of two children currently at the school, Emilia Buxton Year 2 and Frank Buxton Pre-School. I have been actively involved in education for 20 years at learn direct - numerous roles and Commercial Director at Cogent Skills. As a freelance consultant I coach and mentor business leaders, and for the past 3 years have sat on the board of Governors at RNN group which is one of the largest colleges in the area.</p> <p>I have also been actively involved in the Friends of St Thomas PTA for the past year as vice treasurer. I am passionate about education and the life changing impacts it has. If elected I would seek to support the school, and you as parents, to continue to set the impressive standards that the school has obtained and work hard to continuously improve this for all involved.</p> <p>Darren Buxton</p>



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Ruth Garbutt

I'm the parent of our son in Year 3 and have enjoyed watching him embark on his school journey through infants and now into juniors. I was very excited to receive the information regarding the vacancy for a parent governor as it provides us, as parents, the opportunity to directly influence the education of all children in our school. I believe I could provide a strong link between parents and school, ensuring the views of the parents are represented, listened to and acted upon.

I am in a unique situation as Tobias has a split placement; he attends St Thomas's and another primary school. Thus, I have insight into the successful approaches of another school which could be shared to further improve our children's experience. Professionally, I am an assistant headteacher across three secondary schools, giving me a breadth and depth of experience and thorough comprehension of the leadership, management and governance of schools. I would be delighted if the children, families and staff team at St Thomas's could benefit from my experiences, which provide me with a wealth of knowledge to draw upon. My aim and main focus would always be to ensure every one of our children receives the very best education, that they are happy, safe, well looked after and thoroughly enjoy their experience at St Thomas's, regardless of their abilities or needs.

I see myself as an optimistic, positive person who you, as parents, would find approachable and understanding. I would do my very best to represent every child and every parent.

