

Executive Principal: Primary Education: Mr S McCarthy BSc (Hons) NPQH

Chief Executive Officer: Sir John Townsley BA (Hons) NPQH

Principal: Mr M Fitzpatrick BA (Hons) MA

Chair of Governors: Mr J Fyffe

23 October 2020.

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Governor Election at Morley Newlands Academy

I am writing to inform you that the nominations period for the Parent Governor Vacancy has now ended and we have had a good response.

We now have a list of two candidates and are required to carry out a ballot in which all parents have the opportunity to vote.

Voting is via MeEd; each family can vote once only, and as there is one vacancy on the Governing Body, you can vote for one candidate only. Voting will close at 3.15 pm on Friday 13 November.

The candidate who receives the most votes will be declared as a Governor and the result of the ballot will be communicated to all parents in due course.

Each candidate has submitted a personal statement (see below).

If you would like any guidance with this please contact Christine Stopford at The GORSE Academies Trust (governance@tgat.org.uk).

Candidates' Personal Statements

Amber Brummitt:

I am interested in becoming a school governor to make a positive impact at the school for my son's future education at Morley Newlands Academy. I feel that my position of being a disabled parent offers insight to situations that disabled students and parents may go through, and offer a voice to those people as well as myself. I also feel that my past history of running youth groups and volunteering within the charity sector give me a balance of attributes required for a governor role.

I currently work for a prominent law firm and am proud of my position within that firm. Outside of my work I am an avid bird watcher and nature enthusiast, something that I nurture within my son. I also help to run a facebook page which encourages people to live a zero waste life style to help our current global situation.

My son is my first priority and this is why I have applied for this position, since I have had my son he has inspired me to do more and be more, and I truly feel that this is the next logical step in that.

Gavin Tinch:

I have lived in Morley for over ten years, having met my wife whilst at University in Leeds. Angus is our only child and has recently joined Morley Newlands' reception class, having been in the Nursery for the majority of last year.

I am a company director for a financial services company based between Leeds and Bradford, employing over 400 employees. I have a strong knowledge and understanding of governance processes and developing values, culture and strategic objectives. In my role as Chief Risk Officer, I am required to assess risk and implement risk mitigation techniques on a regular basis. I am also deputy chair and trustee of the company pension scheme.

Outside of work I enjoy watching rugby union, having retired from playing a few years ago. I am a keen runner and am a member of Morley Running Club.

As my son begins his school life, I am keen to understand more about the education system and how the leaders within Morley Newlands Academy deliver outstanding education to the children within the local community; supporting and challenging these leaders on their decision making and holding them to account should they fail in delivering the strategic objectives.