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Outstanding Governance Awards Finalists 2019



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Dear parent / carer,

I am delighted to tell you that we have had seven expressions of interest for our three parent governor positions and as such we present to you today each of the candidates for your consideration.

Please follow the link provided to vote for THREE candidates. You can vote for less but if you vote for more than three we cannot accept your vote.

We also cannot accept anonymous votes. To further ensure fairness, we need it to be parents / carers only (**all** parents / carers are eligible to **one vote each**).

The deadline for all votes is Monday 19th April at 12pm. We expect to announce the successful candidates on Tuesday 20th.

1. Sarah Bell

My name is Sarah and my son is in nursery at Richardson Dees, which is what first motivated me to apply for the role of parent governor. I really care about all of our children receiving the highest standard of education, but as important to me is their emotional health & well-being, and I want to make sure that school remains a happy, safe place for them.

My background is in youth and community work, working with vulnerable young people and families for the past 20 years. I currently work for a local charity and really care about being able to support people to make a difference for themselves.

I am passionate about making sure everyone has a voice in things that matter to them, I feel this along with my experience as a parent and youth worker could help me represent the parents and children of Richardson Dees well.

2. Joanne Shearer

I am 43 years old, have been married to David for 16 years and enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and friends. We have two children and our daughter has attended Richardson Dees for 5 years.

I have worked as a PA for a solicitors for the past 20 years where I am always willing to adopt new ways of working, share ideas and suggest improvements.

I am interested in becoming a School Governor so I can be more involved in school life, find out how the





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school is run, be more in control of my child's learning and help influence the direction the school is taking. I am a caring person who wants to ensure the school provides the best possible opportunities and experiences for our children and have their best interests at heart by being committed to the continuous improvement of the school.

3. Susannah Mitchell

My eldest joined the RDPS family in September (Reception) and I hope my youngest will follow. I believe the role of school governor is to provide support and challenge to the school leadership in order to drive change and continuous improvement. I am ready to do this and would feel privileged to represent the voice of every parent and carer at our school. Having worked in Higher Education support for over 10 years I see the importance of raising confident, resilient children who grow into young adults with the tools to deal with life's challenges and to look after their own emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. I love the nurturing and supportive environment at RDPS helping our children become caring, resourceful, well-rounded individuals who will thrive in the future and, to me, this is as important as developing academic excellence and I would strive to ensure this remains a priority.

4. Hilary Baker

I would like to be a Parent Governor for Richardson Dees Primary School. My son is in Key Stage 1. I would like the opportunity to support our school, as a Parent Governor, in demonstrating our school's vision, "Walking Tall". I strongly believe that all children should be encouraged and enabled to be confident and ambitious. I believe our school is focused on encouraging our children to work towards reaching their full potential in a safe, inclusive, respectful environment. As a Parent Governor, I would be committed to helping our school to maintain standards and improve where needed. I will support our school in continuing to successfully adapt to new challenges as they arise. I am confident challenging if necessary to ensure we can, as a school community, provide the best learning environment possible for our children as individuals and a positive school experience for our families.

5. Jessica Bridges

Since starting the school my daughter and I have both come on a personal journey with the school and we have received the very best of care and support from all of the staff. I believe a strong support system from both family and school, is the reason she continues to make such fantastic progress. Our community is my passion, giving back is something I'm actively looking to do. As governor I would represent just how well the system can work. My experience will also give valued insight into how the school can grow and move forward as well as being part of the children reaching their full potential as the little human beings of our futures.





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I have extensive experience working in customer service and administrative roles and have a team leader background which I think could be a perfect pairing to my ambition for the role.

6. Deepak Sharma

I am Deepak Sharma and have a son in year 1 at RDPS. I would like to be considered as parent-governor for RDPS as I have a strong belief in giving children maximum opportunities to discover their full potential through education and extra curriculum activities. Whatever their history or background may be. I have come to believe in the need of nurture development and training of individual at the work place a philosophy that applies even more strongly in the education sector. I've found that people learn in different ways and at varying speed and the most unlikely individuals can achieve great things given the right environment and motivation. RDPS has got an excellent team lead by Mr Myers. My vision is to see RDPS becoming one of the top primary school in our area. Every child is special and have a potential to be future Star.

7. Shona Palmer

I would be interested in joining the parent governor board at RDPS to be able to give something back to the school in recognition of the hard work and dedication they have shown through the difficult and unprecedented situations we have all faced over the past year. I have a background in working in mental health services and feel passionate about the importance of mental health awareness in schools, and the wellbeing of our children and families. Having one child who is in their fourth year at RDPS and another to (hopefully) start later this year I feel a long term commitment to the success of the school.

Thank you to ALL of the candidates for the interest they have shown in our school and for taking the time to share a little bit about themselves to support the full process.

I wish them all the best of luck.

Kind regards,

Mr W Myers
Headteacher

