



# ST. GREGORY'S

Catholic Primary School

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8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

Dear Parents,

## **Parent Governor – Two Vacancies**

I wrote to you on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023, to invite nominations for the **2** Parent Governor vacancies we currently have at St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

I am delighted to say that there has been an excellent response, and there are **7** candidates for the **2** vacancies that we currently have. This means we must now hold a ballot.

I enclose a ballot paper and a personal statement written by each candidate.

You can vote for up to **2** of the candidates. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an **X** alongside the names of the parents you support.

Also enclosed are two envelopes. This is intended to ensure that voting remains confidential. Once you have marked the ballot paper, you should seal it in the unmarked envelope. Then put this unmarked envelope containing the ballot paper, into the second envelope. You should then fill in the details as required on the outside of the second envelope and add your signature.

The closing date for the return of ballot papers is:

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 12 noon**

When the envelopes are received, we check the outer envelopes to make sure that they are from parents who are entitled to vote. They are then opened and the inner envelopes are placed unopened in the ballot box. This ensures that when we later open the inner envelopes to count the votes there is no way of telling who voted for whom.

The count of the ballot papers will then take place during the following week and once we have established the successful candidates, we will inform parents.

November 7, 2023

Please support our governing body and fill out the voting paper. It is a very important role to be on the governing body and we would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck for this process.

Yours sincerely,

*D. Albon*

Mrs. D. Albon  
Headteacher

Enclosed: Ballot paper, two envelope system and personal statements of all candidates.

**Rachael Amin**

I would welcome the opportunity to become a Parent Governor at St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

I am a practising catholic and currently have two small children, who both very much enjoy school and being part of the St.Gregory's family.

For many years, I was a Catholic Primary School Teacher in Sefton. I taught Key Stage 1 and both lower and upper Key Stage 2 classes. I was also responsible for leading the Science curriculum throughout the school.

In my current role, as an Educational Copywriter, I research current developments and best practice in education, particularly within EYFS.

I hope to bring my curriculum knowledge and educational experience to all areas of school life.

It would be a privilege to be a Governor at such a happy and loving school and I hope I could play a small part of helping all pupils to reach their full potential.

## **Nicola Christian**

I am writing to express my strong interest in the parent Governor position. As a dedicated parent and a passionate advocate for quality education, I am eager to contribute my time and believe that my experience, skills and level of commitment make me a well-qualified candidate for this important role.

I am committed to supporting the school in its mission to provide a high-quality education that empowers pupils to excel academically, socially and emotionally. As a Parent Governor, I would aim to:

- Collaborate with the school's leadership and other governors to continue to create an environment that champions well-being.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of policies which promote excellence in education, diversity and inclusivity.
- Advocate for resources and initiatives that enhance learning experiences and broaden opportunities for all students.
- Work alongside stakeholders to set and achieve its strategic goals, which align with the school's vision.

My professional background in education has equipped me with many skills: designing a curriculum that sets high expectations for all, whilst offering children hope and ambition for the future. Working in this sector has provided me with a strong foundation in qualities such as leadership, communication and being able to adapt quickly to a range of situations. I am confident that these skills, combined with my passion for education, will enable me to make a positive contribution to the school's governing body.

I am excited about the prospect of serving as a Parent Governor and playing an active role in shaping the future of St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School. Working collaboratively with the leadership team, staff members, fellow governors and the community, I will ensure that our school continues to thrive and provide an exceptional educational experience for all who attend.

**Gina Griffiths**

I am a new parent to the school, with a daughter in Reception and a son in the school Nursery. I would like to be considered for this role, as it offers a fantastic opportunity to support the school and utilise my background in education.

Over the past 11 years, I have worked as a dedicated Secondary School Teacher, PSHE Co-Ordinator and Head of Faculty.

I believe I possess many skills and attributes that would successfully fulfil this post, as well as having the time to commit.

## **David Kinder**

In 2012, I gained a PGCE in Secondary Science specialising in Chemistry and I am a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry. I will be able to call upon my industry skills and knowledge to enhance the primary science curriculum, to ensure that our pupils have access to the variety of experiences on offer to expand their learning and further develop their interest in STEM subjects.

My current role, as Health and Safety Advisor in the resourcing industry, requires me to engage with stakeholders at all levels, including several public sector bodies including the Environment Agency and the Health and Safety Executive.

Many of the skills gained during my PGCE are called into use every day. My varied and challenging role requires the use of many leadership skills, as well as those developed during my PGCE. These include facilitation, coaching and project management, as I continue to develop my colleague's skills and knowledge in a specialist arena.

As my role is quite unique, I often have to research little known concepts and help to relate it to our national business and decide the best course of action. This can be through either working alone or as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

I look forward to the opportunity of being able to contribute to the Catholic life and mission of St.Gregory's.

## **John Mulhaney**

My name is John Mulhaney and I wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor for St Gregory's. I have a son who is a pupil at the school, and my daughter is a former pupil now at secondary school. I have been impressed with the school's ability to adapt to changing environment and situations, in particular the shutdowns and social distancing rules that came with the Covid pandemic. I have also taken note of the School's Pastoral activities, extra-curricular activities, and the support given to individuals who present with Special Educational Needs. The vital contribution made by the school's support staff goes well above what would be expected, with my family having received support when we have needed it..

I have extensive professional experience in health and safety in buildings, transport, engineering and educational settings, and am a full member of both the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM), and achievements have received recognition from professional bodies such as RoSPA and IOSH. I also have experience in building management, project management and security, and would be delighted to share my professional skills to support the school in whatever way I could.

Children learn more during primary school than at any other stage in their lives. The development and education of my son and his peers is of great importance to me. I am interested in learning more and supporting the school in their challenges with curriculum development, how they adapt to individual pupil requirements, and any statutory requirements my professional experience will lend itself to.

I am pleased to have been a part of St Gregory community throughout my children's formative years, parents need an advocate and a voice to hold the school to example and would be honoured to serve as a Parent Governor.

## **Mr Jon Shepherd**

I am excited to submit an application for a second term in the role of Parent Governor at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School. I am confident that I have the necessary experience and attributes required to continue in this role and to offer a valued and sustained contribution to the school governing body.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as a parent governor at St' Gregory's over the last 4 years and feel that I have been able to contribute significantly to many areas. These include attending and advising on curriculum matters, meeting with subject leads, attending meetings, helping out at functions/fundraising events and acting as the school safeguarding governor.

As one of five siblings who all attended St. Gregory's I feel that I know the school well and with a son currently in year 4, I have an interest in helping the school to develop.

In my previous role at St. Bede's Catholic High School, I developed a wide range of transferable skills that would be relevant in a parent governor role. In my 20 years at the school, I held a number of positions including: Physical Education Teacher, Curriculum Leader of Physical Education and Assistant Headteacher. During my time at St. Bede's, I gained experience in whole school leadership of Teaching and Learning, Staff Professional Development, Appraisal, Educational Visits, Pupil Welfare and Personal Development, Safeguarding and Curriculum Development.

During my time on the Senior Leadership Team at St. Bede's, I was privileged to attend and contribute to many governor meetings. Specific committees I have attended include: Welfare and Admissions, Standards and Effectiveness, Finance and Buildings. This experience will hopefully strengthen the work of the governing body, should I be successful in my application.

My faith is important to me and the distinctive nature of an outstanding Catholic School like St. Gregory's is what sets it apart and offers pupils every opportunity to succeed and celebrate their uniqueness. The ethos and vision of the school 'Love, Learn, Create and Celebrate' encapsulates this well. As a Catholic myself, I have links with the parish of St. Gregory's and have previously served as a Eucharistic Minister and also during whole-school masses at St. Bede's.

If I am successful in my application for the position of parent governor, I will continue to be a positive role model for pupils, staff and other parents, whilst bringing an energy and dedication to the governing body that will serve to improve the school community for years to come.

## **Jennifer Sweeting**

My name is Jennifer Sweeting. My daughter is in Year 2 class and my son has recently started Reception class.

St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School is a fantastic school, with talented and supportive staff, who embrace the school's ethos – 'Together in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate'.

I have 16 years experience working as a teacher across all three key stages, 12 years working in an 'outstanding' Catholic school in Leeds and 4 years working at a 'good' school in Liverpool. I have been a subject leader for Early Years, English, Phonics, Science, PE, International Comenius Project, Family Learning and Religious Sacraments co-ordinator. I was also a Specialist leader in Education for Early Years and Phonics. I am currently Nursery and phonics lead across a bust two form entry school.

As a parent governor, I would love to draw upon my experiences and perspective to contribute to the vision and school ethos, offering strategic direction, ensuring all children thrive to become successful, happy and friendly "St. Gregory's " children, with an enriching and inspiring curriculum.