

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr T. French

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter to you dated 12 January 2024, I am now able to advise that the school has received 3 nominations for 2 vacancies for Parent Governor. As a result, a ballot of the parent body should take place.

Please find attached a ballot form to be used for this process together with the nomination statements that have been received from the 3 candidates.

The ballot is now open and will run through to the end of the school day 3.15 pm on Friday 9 February 2024. Votes will then be counted, and the results announced during the week commencing Monday 12 February 2024.

Yours sincerely



**Mr D Whales**

**Headteacher**

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## Parent Governor election at Ken Stimpson Academy

### BALLOT PAPER

There are 2 vacancies for Parent Governors on the Local Governing Committee and 3 nominations have been received. You may vote for up to 2 candidates. Please put an "X" in the box next to your preferred candidate(s). If you vote for more than 2 candidates your votes will be invalidated and will not be counted.

### VOTE FOR UP TO 2 CANDIDATES ONLY

*Please put an "X" in the box next to your preferred candidate(s).*

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| 1. | <i>Zoe Brown</i>      |  |
| 2. | <i>Daniel Dickman</i> |  |
| 3. | <i>Lee Greeves</i>    |  |

Attached are brief election statements submitted by the candidates.

When you have chosen your preferred candidates, please fold the ballot paper. Do not write your name on the ballot paper. Return ballot papers using a double envelope system. The ballot paper should be sealed in an inner unmarked envelope, which is then sealed in an outer envelope with the name of the voter printed on the back. Ballot papers may be returned via a pupil, by post or by the voter in person.

All ballot papers must be received by Friday 9 February 2024 3.15pm. Ballot papers received after this date will not be counted.



## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

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| <b>Name of Candidate:</b>  | <b>Zoe Brown</b> |
| <p>As a parent of a child in year 9, and with a second child likely to join this September, I am interested in becoming a parent governor to be more involved in my children's education, particularly during this time of change for the school.</p> <p>Secondary school is an influential part of my children's lives, but one I often feel removed from. Naturally, as my child gets older, she shares less about school, and it would be helpful as a parent therefore, to have a different insight and perspective of the school but also to contribute my own views and experiences as a parent.</p> <p>The recent Ofsted grading of 'requires improvement' was concerning, however I have since felt reassured by the transparency and efforts of the school during communication, as to how the school is striving to improve outcomes and raise standards. My daughter does talk about feeling safe and settled at the school which is reassuring.</p> <p>Professionally I have over 13 years' experience working in primary schools as a learning mentor, supporting children to overcome barriers to learning. This also includes safeguarding knowledge and experience. I have a keen interest in the emotional wellbeing and mental health of CYP and as a qualified children and young people's counsellor, I work independently in local schools and my own private practice. I am highly professional with excellent communication skills and have many transferable skills that I feel would support me in this role.</p> |                  |

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| <b>Name of Candidate:</b>  | <b>Daniel Dickman</b> |
| <p>As a resident of Werrington and a proud parent whose son thrives in Year 8 at Ken Stimpson Academy, I am strongly motivated to contribute to the school's rising success. With this in mind, I would like to express my interest in becoming a Parent Governor.</p> <p>Since transitioning to a hybrid work model as a Product Manager for a local software company I have gained greater flexibility and am able to dedicate significantly more time to my family and community. I feel now is the time to use some of this time to help deepen the parent voice at Ken Stimpson. I believe that the partnership between schools and parents is pivotal to ensuring our children achieve their very best.</p> <p>I believe my background has given me skills that could benefit the governing body. My experience as a product manager has equipped me with critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical abilities which I hope to be able to extend to the board.</p> <p>Beyond my professional experience, I can be found regularly walking my energetic springer spaniel and tending to my allotment, allowing me to connect with neighbours, the community and the local environment.</p> <p>As a parent I am very invested in my son's education, and I firmly believe in fostering a nurturing and enriching environment that promotes an all-round educational experience. I am confident that my skills, experience, and dedication to Werrington and its school community would make me a valuable asset to the governing body.</p> |                       |

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| <b>Name of Candidate:</b>   | <b>Lee Greeves</b> |
| <p>I currently work for a local housing organisation and the difference that can be made to people's lives, by showing honesty, integrity and empathy.</p> <p>Throughout my varied career, I have dealt with people from all walks of life and have concluded that communication is one of the greatest attributes that we all possess. Those voices need to be heard and it all starts during the nurture period of education.</p> <p>Education is the foundation for the rest of a child's life and being able to support the school as it builds those foundations is at the forefront of my reasons for apply.</p> <p>I would be honoured to be amongst a like-minded group, who have the proactive drive to help Ken Stimpson succeed.</p> |                    |