

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Election of parents to serve on the Governing Board of Hospital Education Service for a period of up to 5 years.**

I am delighted to inform you that following the request for nominations in respect of the two vacancies for Parent Governor, the following nominations have been received from parents wishing to serve as Parent Governors on the Hospital Education Service's Governing Board for a period of up to 5 years.

A ballot is therefore necessary, and a ballot paper is attached for your use. Also included is a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are Shelley Campos, Debbie Kershaw and Kirsty Parnell.

You may record one vote for up to **two** candidates of your choice. You may not vote twice for the same candidate or vote for more than **two** candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the name(s) of the parent(s) you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the envelope provided. This should then be put in the ballot box, which can be found in Reception at Whitmore Park Annexe by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3.30pm**. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return to the following address: FAO The Returning Officer, Whitmore Park Annexe, Between Houses 20-22 Rylston Avenue, Coventry, CV6 2HD.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

The counting of votes and declaration of result will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, and you will be informed of the result as soon as possible after that date.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher (Returning Officer)

# BALLOT PAPER

## Election of Parent Governors – Hospital Education Service

There are **two** vacancies for parent governors. You may vote for **two** candidates, but NOT vote more than once for each candidate.

### Candidates:

#### Shelley Campos

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

I work for a special Academy Trust as a Governance Professional and have been looking for an opportunity to serve as a governor for a while. I have seen the importance of the contribution of parent voice in governing bodies in my work. I am passionate about governance and special education. At Whitmore Park I have found that staff have always spoken with ambition, compassion and understanding and I resonate with the values and approach to education we have encountered. I would like to become a parent governor in order to use my governance skills to support the school on it's journey ahead.

#### Debbie Kershaw

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

As a teacher with over 25 years of experience, I have witnessed the invaluable impact of the Hospital Education Service (HES) on the lives of students facing unique challenges. My daughter's experience at the Whitmore Park Annex has reinforced my admiration for the HES's dedication to providing exceptional education while navigating complex circumstances.

My background in teaching and leadership, both on curriculum development as head of faculty and as a pastoral leader, coupled with my previous experience of working with the HES to support students under my care, has equipped me with the skills necessary to contribute meaningfully to the governing body. I am proficient in analysing data, communicating effectively, and collaborating with stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

My commitment to safeguarding, equity, and continuous improvement drives my desire to serve on the governing board. I am eager to advocate for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances, to ensure they reach their full potential.

While I lack direct experience in school governance, I am confident that my passion for education, coupled with my transferable skills and unwavering commitment to student success, will make me an asset to the governing body. I am excited to contribute to the HES continued excellence and give back to the school community.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



PROUD TO BE A  
MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL



Coventry & Warwickshire  
Local Enterprise Partnership



# Kirsty Parnell

Personal Statement (maximum 250 words)

As a parent of a young person who attends the Hospital Education Service, I would be delighted to serve as a parent governor.

I am continually impressed by the high standards of teaching and pastoral support provided by the service. If elected I would be fully committed to helping to maintain these standards and to improving them even further.

My background is in teaching, and I feel I have the knowledge and experience to be able to understand the ethos and unique nature of the service. I would be honoured to play a role in helping to ensure its clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

It is extremely important to make sure that there are high aspirations for all of the children in the service and I would be determined to support staff to achieve the best possible outcomes for all pupils. As a teacher and as a parent I have experience of supporting children with a range of abilities and needs, and I feel strongly that all children deserve the best possible support to achieve their potential within education. To this end I am most willing to dedicate my time regularly to carrying out governor duties, learning how to govern most effectively and holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.

I am fully invested in the service as a parent, but I also have a strong interest in overcoming barriers to support all children to access the highest possible standard of education. If elected I would be committed to working hard to help the service to achieve this.

---

## Election of parent governors – Hospital Education Service

Candidate	Mark an 'X' to indicate your vote
<b>Shelley Campos</b>	
<b>Debbie Kershaw</b>	
<b>Kirsty Parnell</b>	

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher  
(Returning Officer)

