



30 October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Governor Election

Thank you very much to a number of parents who responded to our request for a Parent Governor. We have received nominations from four parents and, therefore, need to hold a postal vote to elect three Parent Governors.

You will find on the reverse of this letter a brief summary from all nominees in order to help you make a choice. I would be grateful if you could read the summaries and then indicate your choice of candidate by inserting a cross (X) in the appropriate box on the ballot paper below.

Please return the ballot paper in a sealed envelope, marked 'Ballot Paper' and addressed to Vickie Clayden (Pupil Services) by **09.00** on **Friday 3 November**. Ballot papers received after this date will not be counted.

Once again, thank you for your interest in selecting our new Parent Governors.

Yours sincerely

Ian Morrel
Headteacher

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

BALLOT PAPER

Please indicate your choice of Parent Governor by marking with a cross (X) in the box next to the candidate's name.

Nicola Argent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nanette Brimble	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caroline Penn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Shaw	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Titus Salt School

Headteacher: Mr I Morrel BA (Hons) NPQH

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Nicola Argent

My daughter Megan is in Year 8 at Titus Salt. I also have 2 other children so have a long term commitment to the school which continues from my own time as a pupil there. I have lived in Baildon for many years and I currently work as a Book keeper/Accounts Assistant for a local company in the private sector. I am responsible for all the financial activities. Just like every parent I want the best for my children. I want them to be happy, confident and become the very best they can be. I have no experience as a governor, but I have many friends and family members who work within education. If I am elected, I feel I can cast an independent eye over the workings of the school and bring a fresh perspective to the work of the existing governor's. I am very keen to learn new skills and passionate about education. In the recent past I have held a voluntary position on the committee at my daughter's gymnastics club. This enabled me to utilise my book keeping and administrative skills, as well as feeling part of something that I was passionate about. As parents we need to support the school and I am committed to giving my time and knowledge to contribute to the schools continuing success. I feel this would be a challenging yet very rewarding role.

Nanette Brimble

My daughter Ella is in Year 8 at Titus Salt School and is really enjoying it so far - it is a fantastic school! I want to be a parent governor at the school for a number of reasons – obviously the main one is that I want to help support the school to be the best it can be. I work as a management consultant, advising both public and private sector organisations about their approaches, and have particular experience in HR. I've been doing this for many years and think the school might find some of my leadership and HR skills useful particularly to give a perspective on how other organisations approach things effectively.

My outside of work passion is music – I play the sax, bass and sing. I am really excited about the chances school can give to young people to learn, perform, and get joy from subjects alongside their exams whether that is art, sport, music, drama, chess...anything that gets their interest. I organise the music for the Saltaire Bandstand and put on various gigs and festivals locally and am always amazed by the talent in the area. Finally, I live in Saltaire and I think we are very lucky to have such a great school. I think that the more links we can make between our local institutions to jointly support their activities while giving students the opportunity to contribute and be part of the wider community the better. I am really excited about putting some time into being a parent governor and look forward to being enthusiastic, positive, constructive and challenging!

Caroline Penn

My son James is currently in Year 9 at Titus Salt School. I also have two children who attend ShIPLEY CE Primary and who will hopefully attend Titus Salt School in the future. Like all parents I want my children to have a good education at a school which will help them to achieve their best. I don't want to stop there though – I would like all pupils who attend Titus Salt School to reach their best potential and I believe that having an effective governing body is one of the ways this can be achieved. I am in the third year of a funded PhD at the School of Law, University of Leeds and I am conducting research on early release from prison using electronic monitoring. I also teach on three Criminology modules at the University. Prior to this I worked for Bradford Council and West Yorkshire Police in management roles. I have experience of managing teams, preparing reports for government departments and data analysis. Working in an academic environment I receive constant feedback about my work, whether it is my research or teaching. As a result I am not afraid to challenge decisions or ask others for clarification about the work I am doing. Although I teach at a University and not a secondary school I believe my teaching experience has given me a good understanding on the organisational, creative and practical skills needed to be an effective teacher. Secondary school education plays a key role in determining what pupils go on to do with their lives, whether it be an apprenticeship, further study or straight into the workplace and I am passionate about working with the school to help pupils achieve this. If I were to become a parent governor I would put my experience to good use by working with parents, the school and the governing body to ensure that the school is managed and led effectively. Good communication between parents and the school is important and I am really keen to ensure that parents' voices are heard. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.



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Sarah Shaw

I have two sons at Titus Salt School (one in Year 10 and one in Year 7). I would like to serve as a Parent Governor as I would like to contribute towards the effective governance which entails providing confident, strategic leadership and ensuring robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance. I have worked in the education sector in Bradford for over 18 years as an administrator (primary and post-14 sector) and as a teacher of adults and children for whom English is a second language. I also have 9 years' experience as a Clerk to Governors which means that I have a very good understanding of the role and challenges of being a Governor. I currently work as PA to the Director of Education for all the Anglican schools in West and North Yorkshire and have previously served as a Parent Governor at my sons' primary school prior to it achieving a "good" judgement from Ofsted. I am (as it states in the "Governance Handbook") "ambitious for all children and young people and infused with a passion for education and a commitment to continuous school improvement that enables the best possible outcomes". I am willing and able to invest the very considerable time and effort required of a governor to effectively carry out this role.



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