



6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Dear parent(s)/ carer(s),

I wrote to you all in July to invite nominations for the 2 inaugural federation parent governor vacancies.

As we have more candidates than vacancies, we must now hold a ballot. Below, you will find a Survey Monkey link. The survey has been set so that any votes received will be anonymised. You may vote for up to **2 candidates** and only one vote per parent will be accepted. The parent governors are intended to represent all our children across both schools.

You should:

- Read the candidate statements attached to this letter.
- Click on the Survey Monkey link.
- Enter your votes into the survey (up to **2 candidates**).
- Click 'vote' on the survey.
- Please note that the survey will close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 4pm..

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S863C8C>

If you would prefer to vote using a paper vote, please do pop into the school office where you will find some ballot papers, envelopes and a ballot box.

To vote via paper, you should:

- Mark an X alongside the two names you wish to vote for. **Do not** mark the ballot paper in any other way.
- Fold the ballot paper to preserve privacy of your vote and insert into an unmarked envelope.
- Insert the unmarked envelope containing the ballot paper into a second envelope, fill in your details on the front of the envelope as if addressing to yourself and seal it.
- Return your ballot paper to either Repton Manor or Greatstone Primary Schools by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 4pm.
- NB. The use of 2 envelopes ensures that your vote remains confidential. Your details on the second envelope will be checked against the list of those entitled to vote. This envelope will then be removed so that your vote is anonymous.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact either of the school offices.

Yours sincerely,

*Wayne Wills*

**Wayne Wills**  
**Chair of Lightyear Federation**



## Name of candidate

Mark  
chosen  
with an  
X below

### Greatstone Primary

#### **JJ Brophy**

My name is JJ Brophy and I am applying for the role of Parent Governor. My knowledge and skill background is in higher education, specifically leadership and innovation. My current role is Programme Director of Design, where I have directorship responsibility for four undergraduate and three postgraduate courses at the University for the Creative Arts Canterbury. Areas of expertise I can bring to the role of Parent Governor are; extensive experience of quality and enhancement processes and best practice, expertise in developing inclusive curricula, mature interpersonal communication and listening skills, a commitment to lifelong learning and education for all. As a parent of a NeuroATypical child (now at secondary school), I can also bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in engaging with primary education through the lens of inclusion.

#### **Maria Galyer**

My name is Maria Galyer and I have a granddaughter that attends Greatstone Primary school. I am a mum of 5, a grandmother of 7. I have been married for 47 years. At present I sit as an independent panel member for a London Authority, within children's services I retired 2 years ago after 28 years as a foster carer. I have worked for a Local Authority within their fostering service. During my working life I have worked as a primary school one-to-one support assistant. I have also worked with children who have been on the autistic spectrum. I was in post for 10 years, during which time I was a parent governor and S.E.N governor. I am passionate about children and education and would love the opportunity to be part of the Greatstone community and see it grow and become the outstanding school it deserves to be.

### Repton Manor Primary

#### **Rachel Pickering**

I feel that I could be an effective parent governor due to the fact that I am a primary school teacher and have worked in schools since 2007. I have a vested interest in this school with two children currently attending and my third due to start in 2023 – therefore I feel very strongly about striving as a governing body to secure the best possible education for the children in both schools but to also create positive working environments for staff and all other stakeholders. Having not been a governor before, I am keen to develop my knowledge and understanding of the role by attending meetings and sharing good practice. My husband is fully supportive of my wish to become a parent governor.