

Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Councillor Election

Following my letter of Monday, 10th September 2018, I am pleased to advise that the Academy has received five nominations for the role of Parent Academy Councillor. An election will now take place. In this election, parents/carers may each cast **ONE** vote, regardless of the number of children you have in the Academy.

Please complete the online ballot paper by clicking [Here](#) by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 10th October.

A short message from each person standing for election is given below for your consideration.

Name		Candidate Statement
Sarah	Page	I come with a sound knowledge of early education combined with that of working as a Senior Lecturer and undergraduate Programme Leader in Higher Education. Education is at the forefront of what I do and I fully understand the requirements of a school like Begbrook to deliver top quality education for everyone. Aside from this, I help where I can, with PTFA events and get involved with the school community.
Kelly	Golding	All 3 of my children currently attend the school and as they are in different key stages, I have the benefit of having first-hand knowledge as a parent during every aspect. I am also training to be a teacher and believe this opportunity would give me a greater understanding of the role and workings of a school. I believe it is extremely important that parents have a say and as councillor i would focus my main efforts into ensuring the parents thoughts and opinions are valued and considered by the appropriate departments.
Rebecca	Collard	I am the parent of four boys who have or are still thriving at Begbrook Academy, so would now love to give something back to the school! With over 25 years' experience as an English teacher, pastoral tutor and department manager, I am an approachable, empathic communicator who is both very familiar with the teaching environment and comfortable around students, staff and parents alike. I am passionate about equality of opportunity for all in education, through supported learning programmes, varied extra-curricular activities and tailored wellbeing initiatives. I also greatly enjoyed a year 4 parent rep role last year.

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Sally	Harrison	<p>My children are 4 and 6 and started at Begbrook in nursery. I'm very impressed with the school and all of the support, teaching and management staff. I've been a doctor for 12 years, 7 of those as a GP in Bristol. I spend my professional life dealing particularly with mental health, as well as safeguarding, and social inclusion. I have a professional and personal interest in physical, mental health (resilience) and learning disabilities.</p> <p>I will be objective and committed and bring my skills and enthusiasm to the role.</p>
Sara	Bodenham	<p>I am mum to Evelyn, who has recently joined the Begbrook community in reception, and Remy, who will join his sister next year.</p> <p>I have been working as a secondary school English Teacher for 20 years and have taught both in the UK and overseas. Currently, I have moved my focus to alternative provision working with some of the most challenging young people in the City of Bristol whose needs range from SEND to SEMH. I am passionate about education and in ensuring that all of our children and young people, regardless of their background, are given the best opportunities to develop high aspirations of themselves, develop a love of learning and have a positive and enjoyable journey through education that will enable them to achieve more than they thought they could.</p>

Yours sincerely

Linda Corbidge
Clerk to the Academy Council