

PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

Dear parent / carer,

I wrote to you on 1 March to invite nominations for Parent Governors. I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are 5 candidates for 2 vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- A ballot paper with the names of the candidates for those choosing to vote on paper
- A copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are J-M Chatwin, Jenny Leech, Richard McKinnon, Linda Taylor and Richard Whitlam

Voting on paper

You may vote for 2 of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of children 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 put it in the ballot box, which can be found at Wolfreton Reception. The ballot box will be held at Reception from Monday 25 March until Friday 5 April. The ballot will close at 2pm on 5 April 2019. If it is not possible for you to return the vote in person, please return to the following address:

Parent Governor Election
Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College,
Well Lane
Willerby
HU10 6HB

Voting Online

Select the link [Wolfreton Local Governor Election](#) and choose up to 2 candidates.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,
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Personal Statements

J-M Chatwin

Hello, my name is J-M Chatwin.

I work full time as an Office Manager for a local firm of solicitors, I am mum to Jessica who is 13 and is in Year 8 at Wolfreton, and I also have a 10 year old daughter, Paige, whom I hope will attend from September 2020.

I became a parent governor at my daughter's primary school in September 2010, progressing to Chair of Governors of that governing body in October 2014. Due to a move to the East Riding of Yorkshire early in 2018 and other personal circumstances, I took the decision to resign in July 2018 - I felt, ultimately, that I could not fulfil the role to the benefit of the school at that time.

I have been a single parent since late 2015, and believe my work history, my qualifications (I am educated to degree level - LLB Law with Criminology), alongside numerous governor related training courses during my tenure as a governor with Hull City Council give me a unique insight into the workings of the school environment, and I am keen to expand my knowledge into the secondary school education sector.

I am an open, honest person who has the best interests of your children (and mine) at heart, and believe that these experiences give me qualifications (financial, leadership etc), to be confident that I can contribute effectively to the Local Governing Board at Wolfreton should I be successful in my application.

Jenny Leech

My daughter attends the school in Year 7. Wolfreton was her first choice to continue into her secondary education. I also have a son who attends a Wolfreton feeder school. I attended Wolfreton and completed my GCSE's and 'A' levels at the school. It's great to see how the school has changed since I was a pupil.

I am a single parent, currently studying for an English Literature degree, hopefully starting my final year in September. Previously, I worked in local government for nearly twenty years. I started my employment in 2001 at Hull City Council as a housing officer and my career progressed to a role within policy and service development. My remit within the department involved responsibility for procuring and monitoring the quality of housing related support services for vulnerable people in Hull.

The decision to leave local government was daunting but now I am glad I did as it has been my dream to study English Literature.

After attending my daughter's parents evening at Wolfreton, I was incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm of my daughter's teachers. I really enjoyed talking to the teachers about the subjects they teach and the learning goals they set their pupils. It has inspired me to consider a year's further study to become a qualified English teacher within a secondary education setting.

I am really keen to be considered for this role. I will be an enthusiastic and conscientious member of the team of governors.

Richard McKinnon

I have lived in Willerby for 13 years and have two step daughters at Wolfreton School, I am the Chief Executive Officer of a local medium sized charity which supports Vulnerable Adults in the community and Young People historically having been within the looked after system, transitioning through to adulthood and independence. I am also a Parish Councillor for the Parish of Willerby.

I wish to be considered for the role as Parent Governor because I would like to contribute to the governance and future development of the school. As parents we need to support the school but when necessary I believe we should also put the school under tough scrutiny. I am not afraid to ask difficult questions and I am used to speaking out and up for what is most important. I believe there is nothing more important than creating the best environment and life chances for our children.

I believe that clear direction and leadership are key to an effective school governing body and therefore a successful school. I have a proven track record of managing teams and driving through change in some challenging times and believe that this experience would be of value to the Governing Body and the school alike.

My flexibility, skills and knowledge will enable me to be a proactive and effective school governor.

Linda Taylor

I would like to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Wolfreton.

I am passionate about helping to raise the standards of education and attainment within schools. Meeting the needs of the children and safeguarding are absolutely paramount. I have an interest in the health and wellbeing of children and to question the interventions necessary for pupils to achieve their full potential.

I understand the role of a governor, which is to support and challenge the head and senior leadership team of the school (without being confrontational) and I appreciate the importance of governor visits into school, if I was to be assigned to a particular role or responsibility.

I have an awareness of the Ofsted criteria and what is expected of a Local Governing Board and Board of Trustees. I understand that the role of the governor is strategic and not operational. I work in a team and understand the importance of maintaining good supportive, working relationships.

My children's names are Lucy Frew and Ryan Frew in Years 8 and 10.

I sincerely hope I will be successful in my application, as I feel I have the necessary experience, skills and expertise to bring to the meetings.

Richard Whitlam

My name is Richard Whitlam and would very much like the opportunity to become a parent governor so that I can help shape the development of a place that is such a massive part of our children's lives and our community.

I have 2 children at Wolfreton, one of them in Year 9 and the other just beginning their Wolfreton journey in Year 7. I believe that academic development is only a part of a student's journey and should be supplemented through other activities such as sport and promotion of activities that promote a student's social development. I want to use my skills and experience to help not only maintain the high standards currently set by Wolfreton but also to help improve them and be part of the ongoing journey as the school and sixth form college develops.

I am a quality manager by trade having worked in the private sector for a well known and successful local transport company and now work for the NHS. I have both led and been part of improvement projects that have made a real difference to the organisations I have and are involved in. From my experiences I strongly believe that positive, value added improvements can be made to any organisation but there must be strong and compassionate governance in place to help facilitate this.

Local Governor Ballot paper

Election of Parent Governors at Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College

There are 2 vacancies for the Parent Governor positions at Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College. You may vote for 2 candidates, but NOT vote more than once for each candidate.

Candidate	Mark an 'X' to indicate your votes
J-M Chatwin	
Jenny Leech	
Richard McKinnon	
Linda Taylor	
Richard Whitlam	

Thank you for taking the time to vote. Please place this form in the ballot box at Reception at Wolfreton or place in an envelope and post to Wolfreton.