



12th June 2020

Dear Parents,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I previously wrote to you on 18th May 2020 to invite nominations for the vacancy of a Parent Governor.

I am delighted to say we have received a good response and there are 2 candidates for the one vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Please find attached a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are Ms C Jordan & Mrs R Nawaz. Each family can submit one vote for their selected candidate, regardless of the number of students you have attending the school. As indicated on the online form you should vote by clicking the box alongside the name of the parent you wish to support. Once you have selected your candidate and submitted your vote you will receive a notification. All votes must be completed by 3pm on Friday 19th June.

If it is not possible for you to vote for any reason please contact the school via email at enquiry@knbs.co.uk.

Votes can be made using our online ballot form

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

Once the election has been completed, I will inform you of the outcome.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at s.chatterton@knbs.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Chatterton
Chair of Governing Board

Candidate Statements:

Ms Charlotte Jordan

Why would you like to become a school governor at King's Norton Boys' School?

I have worked as an English teacher for 20 years. I am passionate and committed to the transformational ways education can change lives for the better. As well as teaching full time, I am a female, lone parent from the BAME community: their intersectionality has shaped who I am today precisely because of these different perspectives. I think it is important, where possible and appropriate, that school governors mirror the characteristics of its community to give voice to all members of its diverse school population. I believe in the holistic education of a child and place high value on extracurricular activities. In my spare time, I am an active parent cheering on sporting pitches in the early weekend hours: football, hockey and athletics. I am a committee member of a grassroots football team in Edgbaston, although I haven't quite mastered the offside rule. I encourage my children's creative and performing arts endeavours. I believe schools are most effective when they unlock potential and invest in children from all backgrounds. I believe the essence of an exceptional education aligns with the school's aims. I would love to bring my experience and enthusiasm to support King's Norton Boys to realise these goals for all of our sons.

Why do you think your skills and experience will make you an effective school governor?

I believe I am a strong candidate for a parent governor because I have extensive knowledge and experience of school-to-school support through my 9 year post on a leadership team in a rapidly improving school and my time working in London Challenge Schools. In my current role, I work in a coeducational selective school and partner with a school facing many educational challenges. I have gained invaluable skills in each educational setting, and where relevant, I can transfer these skills to the role of a parent governor. I believe in professional and personal growth, and will train and further enhance my skills so that I am an effective parent governor. Very early on in my career, I was nominated as a staff governor and have first-hand knowledge of the importance of volunteering for such a significant body. Decision making at this level steers and shapes the direction of travel for every young man that attends the school. If elected, I would responsibly take forward parental views. I will contribute to the school's policy and decision making by reflecting the best interests of our sons. My ambition and commitment is to represent the views of all parents and this is the ideal platform.

Mrs R Nawaz

Why would you like to become a school governor at King's Norton Boys' School?

Being a parent governed will give me the opportunity to bring a parents perspective and voice to all aspects of student school life. I will be able to support my son who is currently in year 7 as well as other students, to achieve their potential by contributing and hopefully improving the schools delivery of education. I would take great pride in assisting the school in providing a positive and healthy environment for pupils to be educated within.

Headteacher: Mr D Clayton

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I am extremely committed to giving my time to the school in order to help implement the school ethos and contributing to the review and implementation of policies and procedures.

With the current climate and uncertainty we have all been facing over the recent months due to covid and no cure in sight I would certainly relish the opportunity to tackle any of the changes that would need to happen within the school in order to help staff and pupils to get back to normal schooling whilst maintaining safety for all concerned.

I feel the skills and experience I have developed over my 15 years working in mental health as well as working as a student support tutor in the education sector would be of great benefit to the parent governor role.

Why do you think your skills and experience will make you an effective school governor?

I have 15 years experience working for the NHS as an occupational therapist/mental health practitioner. I work with patients of various ages who have complex mental health currently living in the community. The skills for this role I have developed are easily transferable to the role of parent governor, such as good organisational skills, ability to work under pressure, working with vulnerable people and having good interpersonal skill in order to develop relationships with others.

I am able to advocate for those I work with. I have the ability to help solve complex problems in a calm and pragmatic manner.

I live locally to the school so travel and assisting with various tasks will be easy. Living locally give me a good understanding of the local facilities available and the importance of developing a good relationship with the local community and school.

I can communicate in several South Asian languages which include Punjabi, Urdu and Hinko.

I feel I have the relevant experience to make a positive impact at Kings Norton boys as a parent governor.