



Ivy Lane School

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23rd November 2017

Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS for Ivy Lane School

Following the notice in the school newsletter earlier last term, I am pleased to say that we have received nominations from four parents interested in joining our Ivy Lane School Local Governing Body. Parent governors are elected by parents and are vital to our governing body. Alongside all other governors, they share responsibility for providing a strategic leadership role to the school and robust accountability to ensure educational and financial performance.

We currently have one vacancy for a parent governor. A recent skills audit of the local governing body identified personnel, project and estates management and professional experience of the education sector as areas where additional expertise would be welcome. However, commitment to the role, a community spirit and a passion for improving children's life chances are even more important.

The following parents have been nominated for election as parent governor(s) and each has provided a short personal statement (attached) detailing what they can bring to the role of school governor:-

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| 1. Name: Martin Metcalfe | 2. Name: Katerina Newbury |
| 3. Name: Sonal Khimji | 4. Name: Joanne Massiah |

As the number of those nominated exceeds the number of vacancies, an election by secret ballot will take place.

Voting papers are attached to this email for return to clerk@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk by Thursday, 7th December (or alternatively you can return your paper copy to the school office). Each parent shall be entitled to one vote for each vacancy regardless of the number of children that parent may have at the school. No parent shall be entitled to cast more than one vote per candidate.

The successful candidate will be announced in the school newsletter on Thursday, 14th December.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of governors
Ivy Lane School



Parent Governor: Voting Slip

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ELECTION of Parent Governor for Ivy Lane School

You may vote for **1** candidate.

	Vote
Name of Nominee: Martin Metcalfe – Personal Statement My children love attending Ivy Lane. Every time I'm there with them the school has a real buzz. I am hoping that as a Governor, I could contribute to its continued success. I have over 10 years of direct team and project management experience, setting team goals, providing direction and leadership through good times and bad. Assuring performance against plans, or agreed goals is something I have great experience of. Additionally I am used to managing large opex and capex budgets. My skills in IT are comprehensive having delivered many software and office infrastructure projects. For further information - www.linkedin.com/in/martin-metcalfe-43468411	
Name of Nominee: Katerina Newbury – Personal Statement I feel our children need support to be able to deal with the pressures of today's society. I believe this should start at primary school. When our children feel their voice matters and feel empowered then they are more likely to become active and confident citizens. I am already communicating with ILS regarding improvements to the school council and plan to suggest other projects to empower children. ILS Governing Body currently requires expertise in appraising others. I hold an MA in International HR Management and as an HR Manager I worked closely with line managers on carrying out annual appraisals.	
Name of Nominee: Sonal Khimji – Personal Statement 1. As a lawyer working for local authorities I advise schools on data protection and employment law. My team provides these services to the Council, and local schools. Altogether I have been involved with schools for more than 11 years. 2. My son has just started Reception, and I would like to help improve his and his classmates' school experience. 3. Living in Chippenham with my husband for 13 years I'd like to give back some of my time to the community. If I can improve my son's education in the process then that makes it all the more worthwhile.	
Name of Nominee: Joanne Massiah – Personal Statement As a former student, I wish to give back to the Ivy Lane community. It is a great school due to, not only the staff, but also the parents who support it. I would like to be a part of the continued success of the school as a parent governor. I work in the education sector as a project coordinator developing IT qualifications. This gives me an insight into the ever evolving (or changing) education landscape. I believe that my well rounded professional skill set, and naturally engaging style, would make me a valuable addition to the school governing body.	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

1. The ballot paper above is for the election of a parent governor.
2. Each parent (i.e. mother and father), each guardian of, or each person with parental responsibility for a registered pupil or pupils on the school roll may cast one vote per vacancy (regardless of number of children).
3. Each voter may vote for **1** candidate only.
4. The vote should be recorded by placing an **X** in the space provided after the name of each candidate you wish to vote for. No other mark should be made on the ballot paper or it will be treated as invalid.
5. The ballot paper should be placed in the envelope (which should be sealed and returned to the Headteacher) or your response emailed to clerk@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk by: 7th December 2017.
6. No duplicate voting paper will be issued.

