



Moor First School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We wrote to you before half term to invite nominations for the vacancy of a parent governor.

We are very pleased to have received four applications but as we have more candidates than vacancies, we must now hold a ballot. **We have made an online survey for you to complete your vote and have sent you the link via text message.**

With this letter, you'll have received a document with the names of the candidates and a brief statement from each of them. You may vote for one parent governor (per family) on the online Survey.

You should:

- Read the candidate statements attached to this letter
- Complete the survey before Friday 3rd March at Midday. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VXYR6DZ> (sent to you by text)
- Your vote will be kept private

The winning candidate will be announced to our parents by Friday 10th March.

If you have any queries, please contact the office

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Atherton and Mrs Mayes
Co-Headteachers

Candidate A: Ben Carr

Being a school governor is a unique opportunity to give back to my community and make a positive impact on the education of young people. As a governor, I will have the opportunity to shape the direction and policies of the school, support the development of students and teachers, and play a critical role in ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education. I believe that all children should have access to a broad and high quality education. I am passionate about working with school leaders to ensure that this happens.

I currently work for AstraZeneca as a planning lead and also run a local successful Football Coaching Business, in my spare time I'm heavily involved in local Grassroots football of the Biddulph/ Biddulph Moor Area by running a local Football Club (115 Children) ensuring children have a platform to play their beloved sport in a friendly yet competitive environment that helps develop them both socially and physically.

Candidate B: Rikki Gould

As an alumni of Moor First I welcome the opportunity to serve the school and its community in the role of parent governor. My daughter is the fourth generation of her family to attend Moor First, and thus I recognise the significance the school has to the village of Biddulph Moor, and the importance of protecting this provision for future generations.

I am a secondary school Head of English and therefore take a keen interest in matters related to literacy and reading. Prior to working in education, I worked in the finance sector and still take an interest in matters related to financial management.

Outside of work I am a lover of country walking, travel and the outdoors, and support the pursuit of outdoor education, having previously been a volunteer mentor and expedition assistant for the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Overall, I am driven by the moral purpose of equality, diversity and inclusivity, and will bring this core principle to the role of school governor.

Candidate C: David Kidwell

I am a Service Engineer in Mass Spectrometry. I have travelled all over the world and experienced many different cultures and backgrounds over the last 27 years in my role as a Service Engineer.

Above anything else I am a devoted dad to my daughter who attends Moor First. As her dad I am dedicated to having a positive impact to not just my child, but to the community and school in which she is being raised. Every child deserves the best possible outcome for their lives and I hope this could be a way for me to have a positive impact on the children's future and the future of Moor First.

Candidate D: Jacky Kidwell

Hi, I am Jacky Kidwell. I am a mother of 4 children, 3 of them are grown and serve the community in different ways. My youngest child is in Reception. As a mum who has brought my 3 older children up through school/ college and into work life I feel I have a better grasp on it all (school life) this time round.

Over the last 26 years of bringing up my family I have worked with people of all ages from birth to the elderly. I've worked as a Personal Assistant also for 7 years.

I originally come from South Africa but took on British Nationality in 2009. I would like an opportunity to learn and grow more from being a parent governor and bring my varied life experiences to the table to hopefully contribute something positive to the future and present time at Moor First School.

I am grateful for the opportunity to put my name forward for this role.

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