



15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I wrote to you on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to invite nominations for the vacancies for parent governors.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are four candidates for the two vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are:
  - Anne Kennedy
  - Leila Smith
  - Mike Kent
  - Sophie O'Connor

You may vote for up to two of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the names of the parents you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should email it to [clerk@chiltern.beds.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@chiltern.beds.sch.uk) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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

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,

Returning Officer

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## Election of Parent Governors March 2021 – The Chiltern School

There are two vacancies for parent governors. You may vote for two candidates, but NOT vote more than once for each candidate.

### **Anne Kennedy**

A busy Mum of two school age daughters, one of which is a student at The Chiltern School. With a varied career which includes banking, recruitment and now director of our family business, dealing with all aspects of the business.

I have many skills which include being a team player as well as being a good listener and not ever having had any involvement in either of my daughter's schools. I would like to be involved and give something back. Have been described as approachable whilst professional and adaptable and all times maintaining confidentiality. With a hands-on approach and not being afraid to get involved, I feel the skill set I have acquired in my career will enable me to assist in whatever way I can and I would very much like to offer my assistance in any way I can to the Chiltern School.

### **Leila Smith**

My name is Leila and I would like to be considered for the Parent Governor role as I feel I could bring a fresh and alternative approach to the governing body.

Being a Parent Governor is a delicate role, requiring active engagement and providing support to both parents and staff, and I believe I would make the ideal candidate for this.

I am a mother to 3 boys, and my eldest son is currently in Phase 2 at The Chilterns. For the past 11 years I have worked in the healthcare setting, and currently working as a District Nurse in the local community. I am passionate about ensuring the most vulnerable in society are provided for, and a firm advocate for fairness and equality.

I previously volunteered as Secretary for the Bedfordshire Down Syndrome Support Group and served on the Board of Trustees. Prior to the pandemic I also enjoyed helping the group with their summer activities and fundraising events and look forward to seeing what this year brings for our families.

### **Mike Kent**

My background is in marketing. I have worked for some large brands in the last 20 years, including BP, Nectar and Virgin. I am currently running my own business as a Marketing Consultant [www.loyalltd.co.uk](http://www.loyalltd.co.uk) and have recently launched an online business [www.beautysleepshop.com](http://www.beautysleepshop.com).

What makes me think I would be a good governor?

Well, three reasons:

1. I am autistic, albeit high functioning, but nonetheless I understand some of the challenges our young people and their parents face.
2. I care. My Son Nicholas has been at the Chiltern School for the last two years and I want to contribute to the ongoing success of the school. I have been blown away in that time at the kindness and inclusiveness shown by everybody connected to the school and I would like to be a part of that.
3. I bring experience of marketing, online, strategy and communication that may be useful to the board of governors.

### **Sophie O'Connor**

I have never had a role like this before but would like to support the school in any way possible.

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Candidate	Mark an 'X' to indicate your vote
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Mike Kent	
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