



St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mr M. Mountcastle

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Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Governor

Thank you so much to the four parents who have put themselves forward to represent the parents on the school Governing Body, I am very pleased we have had so much positive interest and support. Next week we will have a ballot and the election begins today; please see below for details. The candidates are; David Allen, Helen Kirwan, Kevin Speake and Jo Stockton

On the attached papers the parents have provided a 'pen portrait' of themselves to enable you to make an informed decision. It is very important that as a family you vote on the merits of each candidate and how in your opinion their skills could assist school and the Governing Body. When you have made your decision please place crosses next to the two candidates of your choice. **Please then place the ballot paper in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your family name and 'Parent Governor'** and return to the school office by next Thursday 20th October, either by hand or with your child. Please note there is only one vote paper per family. The results will be counted on Friday 21st October.

As ever I look forward to your positive support.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle



Dave Allen

Hi my name is David Allen and I am applying for the role of "parent governor" at Saint Hugh of Lincoln.

I have two girls at the school Frances Allen aged 6yrs and Evelyn Allen aged 9yrs.

I have spent the last 15yrs in a middle management position and this has led me to understand the need for impartiality when it comes to making decisions that can affect everyone. I am easy going, approachable, balanced and very understanding, always willing to listen to suggestions put forward while understanding the overall needs of the school. As a school governor and parent I would endeavour to see that the right choices are made when it comes to the important decisions that the school has to take.

Being the eyes and ears for every parent at the school carries a lot of responsibility and my decision to apply for the role has not been taken lightly.

I would appreciate your support in voting for me for the position of parent governor at this wonderful school.

Helen Kirwan

My name is Helen Kirwan, and my daughter Ruby, is currently in year one, with Mrs Smith.

I have spent the last twelve years of my life as a Police Officer.

I have learnt objectivity, and to ask searching, persistent questions, which I believe would be an asset to the role.

I also believe, that the role of a parent governor is an extremely important one, and I want to make a positive contribution to the future of our school.

If elected, my promise to you, is not only to support the school, but to also challenge the school, to be the best that it can be, for the future of our children, our community and our parish.

Thank you Helen.

Thank you for the opportunity and whatever the outcome, I will continue to support the school the best way that I can.

Kevin Speake

My name is Kevin Speake and I am the parent of Kian Speake in Year 1. I have applied for the role a parent Governor as our School is a place I care deeply about. As a former student of St Hugh of Lincoln I am now a teacher in a local secondary school and absolutely love what I do. I was fortunate to receive some many positive experiences as a local child and I see this role as my opportunity to give something back to the next generations of St Hugh children. I believe my experience as a secondary teacher and within the sporting sector will allow me to make a positive contribution to the governing body and more importantly to all the children of our school. Children have lots of challenges to face with so many changes in education and I would like to do what I can to support them in their time in primary school and help in any way possible to prepare them for when they leave to secondary school so that above all else they are happy.

Jo Stockton

I am a parent of three children, who all attend St Hugh, Samuel in Year Five, Thomas in Year Four and Emily in Year Two. Being a parent, and having one child with additional needs, I have a strong belief that all children should be given the opportunity to develop their talents, and be the best they can be. Over the last six years I have played an active role in the Friends of St Hugh and enjoyed working alongside other parents, teachers and members of the parish to put on events and raise money for the school. I originally trained and worked in Human Resource Management in the private sector, but since the birth of my first child, I took a change in direction and, whilst working as a full time parent, I have been involved in various charity and community work as a volunteer. My voluntary roles have included Parent Representative on the local Surestart Advisory Board, Children's Church Leader for my local Methodist Church and Parent Peer Supporter, supporting new parents and families, of all different backgrounds, within the community. In addition to this, for the past three years I have worked as an Antenatal Practitioner for the National Childbirth Trust, which involves providing good quality, evidence based information to new parents to help them make informed choices about birth and parenthood. It would be a privilege to be a Parent Governor of St Hugh, and use my transferable skills of effectively communicating with people at all levels, implementing strategies to ensure continuous organisational development in line with budgets and representing views of all parents. As a critical friend, I would both support and challenge the school, to ensure that they are delivering their aims and objectives, so that all our children can achieve their full potential and enjoy their time at our school and as part of the wider parish community.

Ballot Paper October 2016

Please choose two candidates and place a cross next to each

David Allen

Helen Kirwan

Kevin Speake

Jo Stockton