



## Election of Parent Governor

You are invited to vote in the ballot for two Parent Governors at The Ridge Primary School. You can download and print a ballot paper for each parent in the family but **each adult can only return one ballot paper**. If you do not have access to a printer, copies of this ballot paper are available from the school office. Please let us know and we will send one home with your child.

You may vote for up to two candidates. When you have voted, place your ballot paper in an envelope, seal it and **sign your name across the seal. Print your name and write your child's initials and year group on the back of the envelope. This is to ensure that only those entitled to vote, take part in the ballot. Failure to do so will result in your vote not being counted.** Return your ballot paper to the school by Tuesday 7th December 2021 and post in the box, which will be available at drop of and pick up times for this purpose.

Details of the candidates are included with this ballot paper

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## Ballot Paper

**Vote for no more than 2 candidates by putting an 'X' in the appropriate box against the name/s of the person/people for whom you wish to vote.**

### LIST OF CANDIDATES (Alphabetical Order)

Stephen BROWN	
Hannah DULSON	
Jennie GOUGH	
Louise STUBBS-THOMAS	
Sallyann TYLER	

The Ballot Paper should be returned to the school in a sealed envelope marked 'Ballot Paper' no later than Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Please remember to sign and print your name and write your child's initials and year group on the back of the envelope once you have sealed it.**

## **Stephen BROWN**

I am a single parent with a child in the school. I have a keen interest in the school, its success and the welfare and education of its pupils and staff. You will regularly find me on the "school run", supporting school events, charity donations and requests for parent feedback.

I will be an asset to the governing body as my career provides me with the opportunity to sit on the boards of firms ensuring good governance, strategic direction, financial management and the experience to provide feedback in a constructive manner.

I do not have direct experience in Education, but my mother was a lecturer, when married my wife volunteered as a teaching assistant so I am familiar with the lexicon and processes in the sector. I have the ability to quickly absorb and make sense of information and would be prepared to "go the extra mile" to ensure I am completely competent for the role.

## **Hannah DULSON**

In my role within education, I have worked across a range of educational levels, from early years to postgraduate, in a variety of contexts and as a community artist. I have supported and trained trainee teachers at the University of Wolverhampton as the in-house specialist FE tutor. I worked in FE for 12 years where I was the Head of department, in this role I was responsible for maintaining quality standards and student experience, whilst managing student and parent expectations. I currently work within a HE setting, where in my role as Senior Lecturer I have written BA and MA programmes, taken part in revalidations, written modules and considered how best to link taught and industry practice. To further my own understanding of education, I am currently undertaking a Doctorate in Education. I hope that these experiences will enable me to help and support the development of The Ridge Primary as I feel I have insight as an educator as well as a parent.

## **Jennie GOUGH**

My eldest child is currently in Year 1 doing really well despite all the disruption caused by the pandemic. The school has done an amazing job of keeping going and keeping children, staff and parents safe while continuing to deliver the best education the current circumstances will allow.

I truly believe it to be a superior school and would relish the opportunity to work with parents, teachers, the head and other governors as we head out of the pandemic to help drive it's continued improvement, to provide each and every child with the best chance of succeeding to achieve their full potential to which it is their right.

I am a fully ACCA qualified accountant with over ten years experience in central finance at a local authority where I learnt a range of skills the most applicable being supporting the authorities schools with banking issues, audit preparation and advising them with their compliance of financial regulations. I also have experience in budget monitoring and cash flow and as such, I feel I can play a key role in the team to ensure that the school as a whole can be the best that we can be if given the opportunity to do so.

## **Louise STUBBS-THOMAS**

Hello – my name is Louise Stubbs-Thomas and I have two children, Ella who is 5 and in Reception class, and Alfie, who is 2 and attends Kindergarten. I have spent 12 years in primary education, the most recent of which being a teaching assistant at The Ridge so I'm familiar with the school, school policies, and safeguarding.

As a full time mom I'm fortunate to be able to offer my time, and a willingness to develop, to ensure that to the best of my ability I, alongside the other governors, maintain the schools excellent reputation by ensuring that the tough decisions are made whilst staying true to its aims and ethos – all to ensure the delivery of exceptional education in an inclusive setting where the success of every child matters.

I hope that you will consider my vote, and thank you for reading.

## **Sallyann TYLER**

I have a child in year 1 and wish to make his school years and that of your children the best they can possibly be. To do this it is important to be open to change, which positively affects our children's lives as well as our own busy schedules! But also keeping what works and not changing for the sake of change.

I believe treating everyone equally, with compassion and understanding is the way to bring together our school community and it's goals.

I'm a qualified accountant with 20 years of experience in industry and practice. I currently work for a large charity. I think I'd bring a logical and forward-thinking voice to the board, and I would very much like this opportunity to give back to our great school.