

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear parent or carer,

**RE: Election of Parent Governor**

I wrote to you a little while ago asking for nominations from parents who wished to serve on the school's governing body.

We have received three nominations and have only **one** vacancy, it will therefore be necessary to hold an election.

Each parent or carer is entitled to **one** vote, which should be returned to the school **by 17<sup>th</sup> February at noon**.

Please vote by clicking the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R7TXBVR>

Alternatively, ballot slips are available from the school which can be put directly in the ballot box in the school office.

The voting paper will need to be sealed in an unmarked envelope which should then be sealed in an outer envelope marked "Parent Governor Elections" with your name. Once the name has been checked against the list of those eligible to vote, the outer envelope will be discarded and the inner envelope placed in the ballot box. We will also provide the envelopes.

**If you intend to cast your vote in person, please call the school office beforehand so that you can be allocated a time and date to visit the school site. We are still in a national lockdown and must do all we can to minimize transmission of the virus.**

You will find attached copies of the statements written by the three candidates stating why they wish to become parent governors; these will help you to cast your vote.

Yours sincerely

**Ms Jessica McQuaid**  
Head Teacher

**Candidate Statements****Elizabeth Lay**

I would like to become a school governor for Leytonstone School because I have 3 children at the school and I would bring a wide range of transferable skills, knowledge and experience to the role. I have over 20 years experience of working with young people and vulnerable adults supporting them into employment training and educational opportunities. I have extensive fundraising and contract management experience. In addition I have a strong understanding of safeguarding and GDPR policies and legislation. I would really enjoy working to support the school team.

**Sajida Syed**

I would like to apply for the role of school Governor for the school as i have a son who attends the school he is in year 7 and i would like him to achieve good aspect to the school my main aspect is that the school keep us updated on every childs wellbeing be able to manage the work they do help the school to maintain a good atmosphere and wellbeing maintaining a good record of everyday school activities and school progress

**Michelle Charles**

I am passionate about young people and their progress, it's very important for me to ensure that young people have the equal and fair access to the tools and resources they need to thrive and be upstanding future citizens - irrespective of who they are and where they come from.

I've worked both internationally and nationally with a range of youth focused charities and am currently a trustee of a small charity that focuses on empowering and encouraging young people through the power of sports.

I would believe I can bring both personal and professional qualities to the role (Leytonstone School).