



Birmingham Federation
Maintained Nursery Schools

26.5.2023

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Dear Parent/ Carer

I wrote to you on 15th May 2023 to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent governor.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are 2 candidates for the 1 vacancy. 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, by surname)
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are Rahima Ali and Hina Tariqv.

You may vote for up to 1 candidate. Each parent can only 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 name(s) of the parent(s) you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the envelope provided (in school). This should then be put in the ballot box, which can be found at Reception. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return to the following address: governorelection@allenscn.bham.sch.uk by the end of Friday 9th June 2023.

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.

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to support this election.

Yours faithfully,

David Aldworth - Executive Head Teacher

Returning Officer

Personal Statement: Rahima Ali

I am qualified primary school teacher by profession and had the privilege of educating young minds for over a decade. I have a degree in Psychology and Sociology and further postgraduate qualifications in teaching and educational leadership. I have witnessed the positive impact schools can have on the lives of young people and their families. It was a pleasure to be part of the learning journey of many students and wonderful school communities. I am currently working for my family business, which has been an exciting new challenge.

I grew up in London, in a very similar area as Newtown. A lovely community with a vibrant mix of cultures. I have met and befriended many other parents at the nursery. Many of whom have requested my support in accessing school services. In the form of, translating key information or explaining unfamiliar school processes. It has been a very unexpected but rewarding role.

I have a great interest in the school's development, not only for my child but for all others who walk through its doors. The dedication of staff has inspired me become a parent governor. The values expressed by the federation align very closely with my own beliefs about education. The unwavering commitment to putting children's interests at the core of provision, is truly inspiring. My life is an example of the impact high quality education can have on an individuals life chances. I would like the opportunity to join the governing body and contribute by sharing my knowledge and experience. I am also very keen to learn more about the strategic vision for the schools future success.

I feel that my professional skills, combined with my passion for making a difference to the lives of children such as mine, who need particular care and attention, would make me an excellent choice for the role of parent governor.

Personal Statement: Hina Tariqv.

I have always had admiration for Gracelands Nursery, which is why I am keen to join the governing body. I have always lived in the local area and as a result, many of my family members have attended this nursery. Currently my daughter is at the nursery, as well as my nephew.

The nursery has a very rich and diverse curriculum. As a parent, I have always been encouraged to engage with my daughter's learning, which I find is essential not only for the family but for the nursery as this strengthens the relationship between parents and teachers. I believe that to enable learning in early years, input from parents is essential, this is why I would like to become a governor to be part of its growing success.

I have worked as a nursery nurse for many years where I have worked well with people from all backgrounds and gained knowledge of health and safety, including safeguarding. From my varied experience, I would like to help steer the nursery in the right direction and retain its excellent reputation for academic success and happy, friendly children. I would now like to give back to the community that has provided me with opportunities, and I have ideas that I would like to share to further improve children's experience in their early years.

I understand the need for governors to be demanding but fair. I truly believe that every child deserves the best start in life, therefore with my experience and passion for early years and enthusiasm to uphold the nursery's excellent reputation, I believe I am the right candidate for this role.

As a candidate I am confident that with the right training I can ensure each child has the opportunity to reach their highest potential no matter their background, special educational needs or disabilities. Due to the sensitive nature of safeguarding, I have a keen interest in ensuring that all children live in a safe environment therefore my passions lie in safeguarding policies. I believe I can advocate on behalf of children, staff or families and am not afraid to ask difficult questions. I see how hard the staff work and I would love to be a part and support the nursery.



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Election of Parent Governor – Birmingham Federation of Maintained Nursery Schools

There is one vacancy for a parent governor. You may vote for one candidate only.

Voting closes at the end of Friday 9th June 2023.

Candidates

Hina Tariqv

&

Rahima Ali

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Candidate	Mark an 'X' to indicate your vote
Rahima Ali	
Hina Tariqv.	