



Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I wrote to you on the 11TH January to invite nominations for the two vacancies for Folkestone Academy parents on the Local Governing Body.

I am delighted to say that there are five candidates (four for the Primary vacancy and one for the Secondary vacancy). This means the Secondary Governor will be Mrs Rosemarie Savva and that we will need to hold a ballot for the Primary Governor position.

As an All Age Academy every parent/carer from across the Academy is entitled to one vote. As some families have pupils in different phases we are sending the voting information via the youngest family member in the All Age Academy.

Attached to this letter are:

- A ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- A copy of the personal statement from the candidates who are:

- 1. John Bushby (Primary)**
- 2. Caroline Hubbard (Primary)**
- 3. Simon Reynolds (Primary)**
- 4. Linda Robson (Primary).**

To ensure your vote counts, please follow the procedure below:-

- You may vote for only one of the candidates for the Primary vacancy. Each parent/carer can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of children you have attending the school. Additional ballot papers can be downloaded from the school website or picked up from any of the Academy Reception areas. Additional envelopes can be picked up from any of the Academy Reception areas.
- Completed ballot papers should be returned to any of the Academy Receptions by noon on the 20th March 2018.

Procedure for completing and returning your vote:-

1. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the name of the parent you would like to elect.
2. Place your completed ballot paper in the unmarked envelope provided and seal it.
3. Ballot boxes are kept in each of the Academy Reception areas. To submit your envelope containing your vote please take it to the Reception area in the phase of the Academy where your youngest child attends e.g. if your youngest child is a pupil at the Primary take your envelope to the Primary Reception. Your name will be marked off on a list to indicate that you have voted. Please do not leave an unmarked envelope on the desk as this will not be counted.
4. We appreciate that not all parents/carers are available to bring their envelope in to the Reception personally. If this is not convenient for you please do one of the following:
 - a) place your unmarked envelope containing the ballot paper in another envelope and seal it. Mark this envelope with "Parent Governor Election". Write your name and address on the back of the envelope and the name of your youngest child who is a pupil in the All Age Academy. Sign the envelope across the seal. Your child, or another person of your choosing, may bring this to the Reception area on your behalf and place it in the ballot box.

Or

- b) place your unmarked envelope and a slip of paper containing your name and address and the name of your youngest child who is a pupil in the All Age Academy, into another envelope which is posted to Caroline Dominguez, Turner Schools' Head Office, The Glassworks, Mill Bay, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1JG.

Please allow enough time for it to reach the destination by noon on the 20th March 2018.

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

The votes will be counted on the afternoon of 20th March 2018 and the results will be posted on the evening of the same day on the school website. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully



Caroline Dominguez
Clerk to Governors



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR
FOLKESTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Ballot Paper For Parent/Carer 1

Parent/Carer 1 must have parental responsibility

Closing date for vote, Noon on the 20th March 2018

The candidates are listed below (in alphabetical order)

CANDIDATES	PLACE 'X' IN THE BOX NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR
JOHN BUSHBY	
CAROLINE HUBBARD	
SIMON REYNOLDS	
LINDA ROBSON	

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ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR
FOLKESTONE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Ballot Paper For Parent/Carer 2

Parent/Carer 2 must have parental responsibility

Closing date for vote, Noon on the 20th March 2018

The candidates are listed below (in alphabetical order)

CANDIDATES	PLACE 'X' IN THE BOX NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR
JOHN BUSHBY	
CAROLINE HUBBARD	
SIMON REYNOLDS	
LINDA ROBSON	

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

1. John Bushby

Our son Max, a Year 4 pupil at the Primary Academy, has experienced the school throughout its time at its present location and we appreciate the significant achievements of pupils, staff, PTFA and Governors during that time.

The involvement of Turner Schools presents a new opportunity for the Academy to pursue its mission, vision and values benefiting the community it serves. These aims clearly place the children at the core of everything the school does and they are energetically pursued every day. This, therefore, represents the perfect time to use my experience, add value and be actively involved in helping to build for the future.

My career began as a Chartered Accountant with several years in audit and consultancy. Moving into business management, I held senior roles at MasterCard International including significant staff and cross functional responsibilities. I also served on boards of industry bodies and subsidiary companies.

More importantly, however, I feel I can actively support the growing success of the school and contribute to the very visible energy and commitment of all who work there. If successful in gaining your trust, I fully commit to play my part on the Local Governing Body. Having taken early retirement, I plan to dedicate time, energy, and commitment to this exciting role of parent governor.

2. Caroline Hubbard

As a mum of two young girls, I want and care about the best education and all round development for them. My eldest started at the Primary Academy in September last year so I'm going to be at those school gates for many years to come! I really enjoyed my time at school and I think that education is something that can offer us all more opportunities.

I've already got involved in the PFTA and have had some fun. The teachers and school staff I've met so far have quite obviously cared about trying to ensure our children get the best possible start in their education and development and I want to try to support their aims and vision by being a Parent Governor.

My career has been in the Insurance industry and my last role as a Senior Product Manager ensured that my team work, management and communication skills are strong. I'm not afraid to question and challenge where I feel it's necessary and I think that lends itself to being a Parent Governor who can represent the parents of my daughter's fellow pupils and friends.

3. Simon Reynolds

Having served a short period as Chair of the PTFA I have insight of the Academy and the staff who never seem to fail the parents and indeed the children every term. I wish to increase my level of return by supporting not only the academy and the staff but the parents and children also, and as much feel that as a parental governor I can achieve this and also be sympathetic to the parental issues as well as the staff issues, listening to parents and children is a key factor for any school.

4. Linda Robson

Prior to moving to Folkestone in Summer 2017, I served 5 years as a Local Authority appointed Governor at The Brook School in Crawley. This gave me experience analysing school performance data, asking pertinent questions and exploring opportunities for improvement.

I am passionate about providing educational opportunities, evidenced by 17 years working for The Open University where I am a Senior Lecturer.

My son, Herbert, started in reception this year. I have been impressed by the school environment and range of learning opportunities. I would like to be a parent governor in order to support the school in maintaining and further developing the children's educational experience.