

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent,

**Election of Parent Governor for October 2017**

I am writing to invite you to take part in the Parent Governor Election to the school's Governing Body.

Two parents have been nominated, they are:

1. Daniel Gee
2. Eva Ogden

All of the candidates have been invited to provide an election address, these are attached. Only one of the candidates can be elected.

All people who have parental responsibility for a child at the school are entitled to vote. You should only vote for one of the candidates. No-one is allowed to cast more than one vote.

The parent who gets the highest number of votes will win the election. In the event of a tie the votes will be recounted but if the votes are still equal, the candidate with the youngest child at the school will be elected.

The school governors play an important part in the life of the school and can have a real influence on the education of your child so please do use your vote.

Please vote by placing a cross in the end column of the voting slip, opposite the name of the parent you wish to support, and put it into an envelope. You may only vote for one candidate and your voting slip must be returned to school by 9:00am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The results will be announced in the newsletter on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The election address for each candidate is attached, along with a voting form.

If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Healy

Headteacher and Returning Officer

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### **Election Address from Daniel Gee**

Hello my name is Daniel Gee, I have two children currently at St Mary's School, Sophia who has joined this year in Reception and Sammy in Year 3. Both Sammy and Sophia really enjoy school and continue to benefit both educationally and from being part of a Catholic school. I have always held a passion for supporting and adding value into the community and families in which I live and would thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to support St Mary's in their continual growth and success with Children's education. I have held a similar role previously within Steps Nursery. What I can add to St Mary's is my experience of being part of the Senior Retail Management team at Central England Co-operative in terms of decision making, leadership, drive and financial delivery. I have held a senior role for many years within this people centric business that has grown my skills of the understanding of people and how to manage a large successful business. I also hold a role as a Director and Trustee of the Lichfield Garrick theatre which is a charitable organisation. This role has extended my understanding and accountability of creating the strategic focus for a charitable business, which would transcend into being a Governor of St Mary's School.

### **Election Address from Eva Ogden**

I have been a parent at St Mary's for 14 months; my children are currently in reception and year 1. During this period I have been actively involved in the PTA, volunteered on school trips, supported reading mornings and offered general support to whole school events when required.

My professional background is in Marketing, Event and Communications management (Certificate in Professional Marketing). For the last 4 years I have worked for Genuine Partnerships, a Community Interest Company set up by Rotherham Local Authority and Rotherham Parent Carer Forum. My role involves working with a large team locally and nationally to deliver packages of support and training to schools/services/settings and Local Authorities. Genuine Partnerships promotes co-production and equal partnerships working with all stakeholders, particularly parent carers and children, adopting a positive and constructive approach. I am responsible for actively seeking grant funding bids, managing finance including grant funds and reporting on these for annual tax returns, supporting parent carer volunteers to gain confidence, managing and co-ordinating events, business and website development. I work very closely with Rotherham Parents Forum. Having knowledge of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities is an essential aspect of my role.

Working with so many schools/services locally has made me enthusiastic about supporting my own children's school. I am passionate about ensuring all children at St Mary's feel happy, included, nurtured and supported to achieve their best possible outcomes. To achieve this I feel that listening to parents/carers and children and fully involving them in any decisions that affect their journey through school is key to a positive partnership and building trust. Parent Governors are key in this; I feel that my professional skills are transferable and will allow me to contribute effectively to the role.

If I am elected I will devote time, effort and enthusiasm to my responsibilities. I am confident, and have the ability to challenge current thinking/decisions if required in a constructive and positive manner. I would be able to work with others to devise alternatives in the best interest for St Mary's. I strongly believe that when everyone works together, that's when a real difference is made. I truly feel this is what our children deserve.

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**St. Mary's**  
Catholic Primary  
School

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<b>Daniel Gee</b>	
<b>Eva Ogden</b>	

To make sure the election is fair we would ask you to complete the form below and attach it to the outside of the envelope so that it can be removed before we put the envelope in the ballot box. This will allow us to keep a check on who has voted but keep the way they voted a secret.

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### **Election of Parent Governor – October 2017**

St. Mary's Primary School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy

Name of parent or carer submitting the voting form: \_\_\_\_\_

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