

# RIVER VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

1, Wheaters Street, Salford M7 1QZ  
**Tel:** 0161 921 2670  
**Headteacher:** Mr D Gauld  
**Deputy Headteacher:** Mrs C Batty

10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## **ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR**

I refer to my earlier letter in connection with the above. I have received nomination forms for 5 candidates and it will therefore be necessary to hold a ballot.

The ballot paper is enclosed with a statement from some of the candidates who have asked me to circulate this to parents.

Please return the ballot paper to the school via your child or by post to arrive not later than **3:15pm on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019.**

May I remind you that for the purpose of the election a "parent" includes any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares, or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18. To vote in the election a parent must be a parent of a registered pupil at the school at the date of election. Within a family each parent may vote but parents do not have extra votes because they have more than one child at the school.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Gauld  
Headteacher



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## ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

### BALLOT FORM – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The following candidates have been nominated for parent governorship at this school. The period of office will be for 4 years, unless the elected parent resigns within that period. Attached/Overleaf is a brief statement written by some of the candidates in support of his or her nomination.

There is 1 vacancy. You may therefore vote for 1 person only. If you vote for more than the number of vacancies, or if you mark the paper in any way, the ballot paper will be declared void.

Please return this form to school either by hand through your child, or by post to arrive at the school not later than the end of the school day **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**.

If you wish to cast your vote through your child or by post, please place your completed ballot paper (FOLDED) in the envelope provided. This should then be sealed and you should sign your name across the sealed flap.

This procedure is designed to establish that only parents of registered pupils vote and that ballot papers cannot be identified on a personal basis. The envelope will be opened in the presence of a witness and the ballot paper placed – still folded – in the ballot box for counting at the appointed time.



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## **Statement from Lucy Connaughton**

My son started at River View in September 2019. From first entering the school I was impressed by the friendly and welcoming environment that the children, parents and staff have been able to achieve.

I have lived in Salford all my life and work at a local school, with a similar demographic to River View. So I understand the concerns and struggles that parents may face.

I want to become a parent governor because I am passionate about ensuring that all children receive the best possible educational start in life, and that our children feel happy and safe and reach their full potential. I believe we all need to support the school to become outstanding and achieve its aims but when necessary I will not be afraid to ask tough questions and give a voice to parents who don't feel able.

I have an understanding of current educational guidelines, policies and procedures, financial planning and have also a personal interest in special educational needs and children with additional needs. I am more than happy to make myself available to parents.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

## **Statement from Nicholas Meretakis**

From the first moment I saw the River View Primary school I knew it was the school I wanted my son, Alex, to attend. The standard of the facilities and the commitment of the teaching staff to assist our children achieve the highest standards inspired me to (successfully) apply to become a parent governor four years ago.

Now that my first term is due to expire, I look back over these four years and I am glad to be able to say that the Headteacher and the rest of the governing board share my passion to help every child make positive progress irrespective of their background.

The way I see our children conduct themselves every time I visit the school (and the extremely positive feedback we invariably receive from visitors to our school) fills me with pride and reinforces my desire to apply for a second term as parent governor.

My son being in Year 4, he will be taking the crucial Key Stage 2 exams in a few years' time and this gives me a strong motivation to contribute to the efforts our school has already embarked upon to improve upon the Good rating that Ofsted reaffirmed in May 2018.

I would therefore be honoured if you continued entrusting upon me the opportunity to serve, advise, support and advance River View Primary School.



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## **Statement from Ian Thompson**

Hi my name is Ian Thompson and I would like to be considered to become your representative as a Parent Governor.

I have two boys currently at River View Primary school, Junior is in year 3 and Tyger is in year 2. We have lived in the area for 10 years and have been involved with the school for 5 years now, from when Junior started in nursery. This means I could potentially be involved with the school as a parent governor for a minimum of 4 years.

I have previously worked with the Business Change team at Salford Council. Working with the different departments to make changes, enabling them to work more efficiently and effectively. This experience will enable me to challenge where necessary but also work with both the teaching staff and parents alike to ensure the school progresses in its ethos.

In my current job role I teach children to swim as well as how to exercise effectively in the Gym. I have undertaken training to allow me to work with people with disabilities and long term health conditions. This gives me the ability to make adjustments when needed to enable everyone to exercise. I feel this way of thinking matches the views of every parent and Riverview Primary school In that every child can succeed given the right support and guidance.

If you would like to speak me prior to the vote I am around most mornings either By Miss Kwoka's classroom or after school again by Miss Kwoka's Classroom or Mr. Malvern's class.

Thank you for reading"

## **Statement from Luca Urban**

As the mother of Ryan in Year 3; I have been working closely with Staff members to ensure that my child gets the best education and support he deserves. Being a parent governor would allow me not only represent my child but all of our children to make sure they all get the academic and emotional support they deserve to reach their full potential.

I have a professional background in Safeguarding children in educational settings and a degree in Human Resources Management. I believe this would allow me to support the Headteacher and Staff members and offer a positive contribution to the development of the school through this role.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,  
Luca Urban



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## BALLOT FORM

Name of Candidate	Address	Please mark Box With a X
Lucy Connaughton	Branksome Drive, Salford, M6 7PW	
Lucy Mansah	Dragonfly Close, Salford, M7 1BH	
Nikolaos Meretakis	Harrison Street, Salford, M7 1AU	
Ian Thompson	Flora Drive, Salford, M7 1TB	
Luca Urban	Neptune Close, Salford M7 1AX	

DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM

NO DUPLICATE OF THIS FORM WILL BE ISSUED

