



Anthony Gell School

3 December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS VOTING PROCEDURE

There are **two vacancies** for Parent Governors on the Governing Board. The following parents have been nominated:

Joanne Cox
Lizzie Delves
Helen Slack
John Williams

A ballot paper is provided, together with a personal statement from each candidate.

Only the parents/carers of a student currently registered at the school may vote.

- the ballot paper is provided as a Word file for you to edit, save and email back to election@anthonygell.co.uk The ballot paper is also provided as a pdf to allow printing of the form to complete by hand and then scan if you are more comfortable with this method.
- if you would prefer the school to provide you with a hard copy of the ballot paper, please contact the Clerk to Governors, Heather Harper, at hharper@anthonygell.co.uk or telephone 01629 825577.
- please place an 'X' in the column against the name of the persons for whom you wish to vote (**one vote for each vacancy**). You can therefore vote for two people.
- please type your full name in the body of your reply email. The school can then check your eligibility to vote before saving each ballot separately and anonymously.
- please return your voting paper to the school before 12.00 noon on Friday 10 December 2021 (when the election closes).

Voting papers received after this time/date will not be counted.

The votes will be counted at school immediately after the close of the election.

We shall notify you of the results as soon as possible afterwards.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Kelly
Headteacher

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PERSONAL STATEMENTS SUPPLIED BY THE CANDIDATES

Joanne Cox

My daughter is currently in Year 8 and loves being a part of Anthony Gell. I wanted to have some insight myself and see if I could bring some of my 'skills' to the Governing Body! In a previous life (pre children) I ran Health Clubs. This gave me extensive knowledge of Health and Safety, along with Health and Fitness. I am a Level 4 Trainer and UK Athletics Running Coach. I have and always will have a passion for health and wellbeing and firmly believe I can bring a depth of knowledge and understanding to the Governing body.

I currently work within the NHS as an Administrator for the Community Mental Health Team and have worked within the NHS for the past four years. During this time, I have mastered further Health and Safety courses, GDPR training, and took on additional training to become a Medical Secretary. I am also finishing off my Degree.

Whilst my Daughter and her brothers attended Rowsley Primary School, I was a School Governor for four years. I thoroughly enjoyed learning from the rest of the team and the amazing Head Teacher, Mrs Poole and hope I contributed towards making a difference. I would like to think I always had the best interests of the pupils, even if it meant some difficult discussions around the table. I hope this can now be continued with a completely different setting, age range and team.

Lizzie Delves

I would like to be a governor at AGS to contribute in any way possible, to the ongoing high standard of education and pupil development that it already delivers.

I care deeply about both the pupils' and teachers' experience in the school environment, and the delivery of education in a stimulating, challenging but also where possible very enjoyable way. I am passionate about education and achievement, but also about the development of children who are kind, responsible and prepared for the future, and how to be happy and fulfilled in it. I think that good governance alongside hard working and enthusiastic teaching can contribute positively towards this, and support children from all backgrounds, with very different needs and talents.

I have five years' experience of being a school governor at Kirk Ireton Primary School which was both a privilege and a pleasure. I learnt a huge amount from this experience, and (hopefully) contributed positively as well. I would like to do the same at AGS now that my children are older; I have a daughter in year 7 at AGS and a son currently in year 6, who will start at AGS next September- so I will also have a vested interest in the school for some years to come.

In my spare time I am an Emergency Department Doctor at the Royal Derby hospital, and have been since I came to Derby in 2005. I am passionate about my job, which despite its challenges is also a pleasure and a privilege. Alongside doing clinical shifts in the department, I have a role in Education and am Lead for Wellbeing. I strongly believe that these 2 elements both in my job, in my own education and in life are inextricably linked; and that the delivery of high-quality, forward-thinking education results in happier, more confident and capable individuals.

Helen Slack

I would like to be considered for the role of Parent Governor at Anthony Gell School because I believe strongly in helping all children to achieve their potential. I have three children and I currently work as a TA in a primary school. Prior to that I was a secondary school English teacher for twenty two years during which time I taught all year groups and abilities. I hope that my knowledge and experience of the secondary education system would enable me to be useful to AGS, and I am also very keen to learn more, in order to try and help the school in any way I can.

I have undertaken a wide variety of challenges during my time as a teacher, such as researching and then implementing a new A level course which proved extremely successful and popular with students, as well as working with other staff members in order to enhance the way that English was taught to students with various additional needs. During my role as second in department, I enjoyed supporting others, particularly in the mentoring of trainee and newly qualified teachers.

As my children have got older, I feel, like most parents do, that I have learnt many more skills that I wish I had had when I was younger! I love my current role as teaching assistant and feel that it, as well as being a parent myself, has given me a much wider insight into the ways that children develop their personal interests and respond to education.

I would really like the opportunity of working as part of a dedicated team of governors in order to do whatever I can to help the students and staff at Anthony Gell.

John Williams

I am interested in becoming a parent governor of Anthony Gell School as I have a strong belief that it is vital that the leadership team of the school are able to draw upon the wider experience and support of an independent and objective thinking body, such as a group of parents. Such a body is able to 'look in' from the outside and bring skillsets to the management of the school that the school may not naturally have, or have access to. A parent led body, such as the parent governors, can fulfil such a role, whilst by their very nature also provide a balanced view of what is in the best interest of the pupils and the health of the school as an employer and a business.

After a successful career at Rolls-Royce for over 30 years based around the globe and in the UK I now run a successful aviation consulting business advising airlines around the world on the commercial, technical and contractual aspects of aircraft and engine evaluation, selection, negotiation and contracting. I would therefore bring a wide variety of attributes to the role, including commercial acumen, the ability to make objective evaluations, and negotiation skills. My wife Joanna, our three children and I have lived in Turnditch since August 2018. During that time I have been involved as the co-chair of EVADE; a resident led body aimed at highlighting and opposing excessive property development in the Ecclesbourne Valley which was identified as a risk when Amber Valley Borough Council published its 'call for sites'. I am also a volunteer steam locomotive fireman at the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway.