

6 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Further to my letter of 25 January 2024 advising that we have two vacancies for parent governors, the following parents have been nominated:

Mrs Laura Clark
Mr Darryn Havenga
Mr Mark Hill
Mrs Sonja Stocks

A personal statement from each candidate is attached and a link to a google form for you to cast your votes. You may vote for two nominees. Full instructions can be found on the attached documents.

Only the parents of a student currently registered at the school may vote. Please see the attached document "Who is Eligible to Vote?" for clarification.

We will notify you of the result as soon as possible after the deadline of 9.30am on Wednesday 28 February 2024.

Yours sincerely



Alan Henshall
Headteacher

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ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS AT ROUNDWOOD PARK SCHOOL

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HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. Please read the statements on the following pages.
2. Click the link to a google form [here](#) and select the names of the two people you wish to vote for.
3. The deadline for responses is 9.30am on Wednesday 28 February 2024. Responses received after that time will not be counted.

STATEMENTS

1. Laura Clark

I qualified as a Chartered Accountant with one of the Big 4, working in financial due diligence, and am now in a leadership role as Operations Director. Given my experience I feel I will bring strong strategic, planning and analytical skills to the governing board. As a mother of two, one with SEN, I'm committed to high-quality education for all. With my professional expertise and personal dedication, I'm confident I can contribute to the continued success of Roundwood Park.

2. Mark Hill

I have 2 children in Y11 and Y9 who have both had very positive experiences in all aspects of the school from teaching to pastoral care. I work for the NHS within project management and previously been a parent governor. I believe these experiences, and my core skills of empathy, being a team player and attention to detail would make me suitable to be a governor. Alongside believing that a good education provides a pathway to future opportunities.

3. Darryn Havenga

As a parent at RPS, my youngest in Y7, I aim to serve diligently for the betterment of the school and our children. With experience across operational environments and tertiary educational institutions, my knowledge and experience can only service to enhance the outstanding calibre of RPS and set it apart from the other outstanding schools in the town. I am committed to excellence and a desire to see our children succeed in society.

4. Sonja Stocks

As a secondary science teacher for over 10 years, I appreciate the fundamental importance of an excellent education. I am passionate about make a positive impact both academically and personally. Prior to teaching I worked in management consultancy, branding and project management. Personally we have lived in Harpenden for 16 years. My son is in Year 10 and hopes to continue into Sixth Form. I have a strong interest in and experience with adolescent mental health issues.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

Only parents of children registered at the school are entitled to vote in the election. For the purpose of the election of a parent governor, a parent is:

- someone who has parental responsibility*

or

- someone who looks after the child on a day-to-day basis (but does not have “parental responsibility”).

*A person has ‘parental responsibility’ if

- a. she is the child’s natural mother;

or

- b. he is the child’s natural father and

either was married to the mother on the day of the child’s birth or subsequently

or

has entered into a legal parental responsibility agreement with the mother

or

has been granted a residence order from the court directing the child will live with him

or

registered or re-registered the child's birth after 1 December 2003

or

- c. the child lives with that person as the result of a court order.

NB All parents are entitled to a vote - it is not one vote per child.