

Election of Parent Governors at The Forest School

1. Vote by placing an X in boxes of candidates of your choice. Please do not mark the ballot paper in any other way.
2. Do not vote for more than two candidates.
3. Each parent is entitled to **one** vote per vacancy.
4. Each parent must vote on a separate form.

Candidate 1 - Mr Phillip Paul

Brief election statement: I have a long association with the school; my elder son (now at university) enjoyed his experiences and was proud to be at the Forest. The younger has now joined in his footsteps. In the past I used to work every summer as a leader at a children's summer camp, and this included less privileged children, giving me the opportunity to learn children's needs under challenging circumstances. More recently I helped out at my sons' Cubs events. I currently work for a major bank in a busy IT team having previously worked for seventeen years as a freelance IT consultant. One of the most important-parts of my job is to be able to listen to people; their needs, their problems; to be able to understand the issues and to be able to find solutions having made difficult decisions along the way. As a governor these qualities are important. My desire is that the school should continue to be safe, secure, nurturing and inclusive, where every student has the opportunity to achieve his personal best in an enjoyable environment. Above all, I believe that every student matters. If elected, I will address parents' concerns on any matter, and would use the opportunity to bring my experience gained in industry to my role of governor.

Candidate 2 - Mr Richard Henman

Brief election statement: I have had experience in the school system at primary and secondary levels as a parent volunteer, teaching assistant, trainee ICT teacher and a school IT technician. I have also been the chair of the 3rd Horsham Scout group Exec committee and have been involved in the community as a former North Horsham Parrish Councillor. At one time I have had three boys at The Forest in Y r 11, 9 and 7 and have seen their difficulties and successes as they have passed through the school. My experience within the school system, as a parent and as a manager in a high technology industry would be used to support and guide the direction of the school as an active contributing Governor.

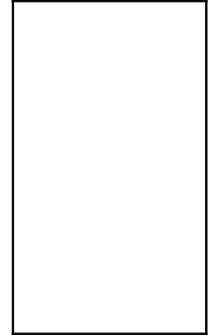
Candidate 3 – Mr Chris Tomaszewski

Brief election statement:

I AM SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS A PARENT GOVERNOR. I HAVE 3 SONS AT FOREST AND, AS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, HAVE SUPPORTED THE PUPILS AT THE SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY IN THE SCHOOL AREAS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Candidate 4 – Mrs Ruth Summerfield

Brief election statement: (live locally and have two sons currently attending the school. I want to take my commitment to the school further, by representing all parents in the role as a Parent Governor. I have been a Parent Governor at a local primary school for 4 years, where I have served on various committees. (Have worked with a range of agencies and companies enabling me to implement the schools travel plan, a very successful walking bus and the planning and provision of cycle storage. (Have been a panel member for the selection and recruitment of a new Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher, and have been part of a team of staff on a school residential visit. (Have gained competences at numerous governor training courses, which have enhanced the governing body and given me the knowledge to fulfil my role and pass on the experiences to others. I am also studying a BTEC in Advanced School Governance.
I am keen to contribute more to The Forest School, where I believe in striving for the best learning environment for the boys, taking account of their individual needs and enabling them to reach their full potential. I would like the opportunity to assist in the future growth of the school.



Please return completed ballot paper in a sealed envelope marked “Ballot Paper” to the Clerk to the Governors to arrive no later than Tuesday 31 March 2009.