St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Wednesday, 4th November, 2026

RE: Parent Governor Election

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my recent letter regarding Parent Governor nominations, I am pleased to confirm that we have received three applications from parents wishing to stand for election to the Governing Body of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School.

Firstly, I would like to thank all three parents for putting themselves forward and for their willingness to give their time and contribute to the life and future of our school. We now move to the election stage of the process, and I am inviting you to vote for your preferred candidate. Candidate statements from each of the three nominees are included in the attached document. Please take the opportunity to read these statements before making your choice.

A paper ballot form and an envelope will also be sent home with your child.

How to vote

Each eligible parent should complete their ballot paper by placing **one cross (X) against their preferred candidate**.

For the purposes of this election, a parent includes guardians, foster parents and any person who has actual custody of a child registered at the school.

How to return your ballot paper

To ensure that the election is conducted fairly and confidentially, please follow these steps:

1. Complete your ballot paper by placing one cross against your preferred candidate. Do not write your name or any identifying information on the ballot paper.
2. Place your completed ballot paper inside the envelope provided and seal it.
3. On the outside of the envelope, please write your full name and your child's name.
4. Return the sealed envelope to the school office.

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The information on the outside of the envelope will enable me to check names against the school register and record that an eligible parent has voted. Once eligibility has been checked, the sealed ballot papers will be separated from the identifying information and mixed together before being opened and counted. This ensures that individual votes remain confidential.

Please return your completed ballot paper by **12 noon on Friday 13 November 2026**. This may be given to your child to bring into school or returned directly to the school office.

The votes will be counted following the closing date, and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as Parent Governor. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

The role of Parent Governor is an important one and provides an opportunity for a member of our parent community to contribute to the strategic leadership and development of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School.

We are grateful to all three candidates for their commitment to our school community. As a Catholic school, we recognise the importance of working together, sharing our gifts and talents, and contributing to the common good.

As St Paul reminds us:

"There is one body and one Spirit."
Ephesians 4:4

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the election and for your continued support of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about the voting process.

With thanks,

K. Garrett

Mrs K Garrett
Headteacher