



22nd January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

You may remember that you were recently notified about the election of a Parent Governor to the Local Advisory Board (Governing Body) of the school.

5 nominations have been received to fill the vacancy, which means that there has to be an election by ballot. I am, therefore, inviting you to indicate which of the nominees you would wish to be your representative on the Board. The arrangements for the election are as follows:

- Each nominee has had an opportunity to provide further information about themselves and this has been included below to help you decide for whom you wish to vote;
- Please click on the link or scan the QR code to access the ballot form online.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PadKPG3hZz?origin=lprLink>



Completed ballot forms should be submitted **no later than Friday 31st January 2025.**

In the event of a tie the successful candidate will be decided by the drawing of lots.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs Kirsty Hutchinson
Headteacher



COTTINGLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Each parent is entitled to **ONE** vote.

Each nominee has had an opportunity to provide further information about themselves and this has been included below to help you decide for whom you wish to vote.

CANDIDATES

Name – Subah Iqbal

Parent of – Maryam Khan and Maria Khan

I would like to be considered for the role of parent governor because I am passionate about contributing to and enhancing the development and success of the school community.

As a parent with children who already attend Cottingley Village Primary School, I have a vested interest in ensuring that all students receive the best possible education experience in the most supportive and inclusive environments.

I believe my skills and experience as a pharmacist and lecturer will allow me to offer valuable insights and actively collaborate with staff and fellow governors to make informed decisions that benefit both students and the school as a whole.

I am committed to supporting the school's values and helping to shape its future direction and have a positive input in the process.

Name – Rachel Webster

Parent of – Jasper Webster

I would relish the opportunity to be a parental voice on the Local Advisory Board for the School. I think it is very important for there to be a collaborative relationship between parents and the school, and as a governor I would work hard to bring a parental voice to the school management.

As a solicitor I am used to processing large amounts of information and considering it with a critical eye. I will, if chosen, not hesitate to ask questions and seek further information and explanations in relation to all aspects of the school processes.



Name – Sarah Saleem

Parent of – Abdullah Farooq, Aizah Farooq and Aahil Farooq

My name is Sarah Saleem currently a parent of 3 students at Cottingley Village Primary. I have been attending Cottingley since 2017 and will be attending for another 6 years.

I am a safeguarding officer for vulnerable adults and children in the social care sector I am also a company director for a Domiciliary Care Company. I have been in my profession for 13 years plus.

I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience in the public sector and wider educational policy.

I bring a wealth of knowledge in leadership, strategy, and school governance. I understand the importance of effective oversight in driving school improvement and student success.

I am deeply invested in the school's success and the wellbeing of our students.

I am deeply committed to supporting its community and helping to ensure that all pupils thrive in a positive, inclusive, and high-achieving environment.

I believe my experience and skills will allow me to contribute effectively to the strategic direction of Cottingley Village Primary, ensuring clarity of vision and strong educational outcomes. I am committed to undertaking governor training and working collaboratively with the headteacher and other governors to support the school's continued success.

Thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to the opportunity to serve and contribute to Cottingley Village.

Name – Rizwana Bibi

Parent of – Ayesha Ahmed, Eshaal Ahmed and Fatimah Ahmed

I am writing to express my interest in the voluntary parent governor position. As a parent and someone with previous experience in a similar role, I believe I can make a positive contribution to the school community.

In my previous role as a parent governor, I worked closely with the school to arrange workshops to support students learning, particularly in reading, spelling, and maths. I found this experience to be incredibly rewarding, and it reinforced my passion for helping children achieve their full potential. I am keen to bring this hands-on experience back to Cottingley Village Primary School and help further enhance the educational environment for all students.

I come from legal academic background and am currently director of multi limited companies which I run on the daily basis.

I am also aware of some of the challenges the school faces, particularly with parking issues around drop-off and pick-up times. I am confident that my problem-solving skills and ability to collaborate with both staff and parents



can help explore solutions that will improve the overall safety and convenience for everyone involved.

Additionally, I understand the importance of clear communication between parents and teachers. As a parent governor, I aim to act as a strong bridge between both groups, listening to concerns and helping to resolve any issues in a constructive and proactive manner. By fostering open dialogue and mutual understanding, I hope to contribute to the continued success and well-being of our school community.

I am committed to supporting the school's values and vision, and I look forward to the opportunity to make a positive impact as part of the governing body.

Thank you for considering my application.

Name – Aisha Mir

Parent of – Alyshba Mir

I would like to be considered for the role of parent governor at Cottingley Village. I have worked in education in Bradford for the last 18 years from a secondary school teacher, to head of department, faculty and now in a senior position for teaching and learning. I am extremely passionate about education and providing the opportunity for every child to succeed, and truly believe that no child should be left behind. I know firsthand the importance of raising school standards and monitoring performance for a desired impact and have gone through several successful Ofsted observations and meetings (most recently in March 2022). I know it is an exciting time at Cottingley Village and would love to part of the journey of change and empowerment.

As an additional voluntary role at my own school, I work closely with developing parental engagement and have carried out various presentations and evenings to help support parents with understanding their own child's learning journey along and how they can support them both academically and with the social challenges that their child may face.

In my own time I have carried out a lot of research into primary education to support my own 3 children through the primary education system, in addition to this I have also worked with a number of primary schools local to my own working school to help develop their resilience in developing their problem-solving skills along with allowing them the opportunity to be creative in a range of computing activities. These are skills that create life-long learners where children can succeed in any career they may choose to go into.

In my spare time I enjoy relaxing through a range of fitness activities such as swimming, walking and exercise classes. I also love to cook and bake and this really helps to develop the quality time with my own children.



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I am a committed and driven individual who is truly passionate about supporting young people and raising attainment in schools and I would love the opportunity to develop my own knowledge and skills but more importantly to be part of the amazing journey that is currently happening at Cottingley.