

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

BALLOT PAPER

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are 2 candidates for the 1 vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are Elgan John and Phil Oliver

We need 1 parent governor. You may therefore vote for 1 of the candidates on the list below (each parent or carer is entitled to vote).

Please place an X against the name of the candidates for whom you are voting. Candidates have been invited to produce a personal statement and these are attached.

Place the ballot paper in an envelope and return to the ballot box in the school office by 0930 on Friday 3rd March, 2023. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return to the following address: Mrs J Mullarkey, Wingrove Primary School, Hadrian Rd, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE49HN. Ballot papers and envelopes will be available in the school office, if you do not have access to a printer.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Mullarkey

CANDIDATES		VOTE HERE (Choose one)
Candidate 1	Elgan John	
Candidate 2	Phil Oliver	

Candidate 1 Elgan John Personal Statement

My daughter started at Wingrove in September 2022. While I had no real preconception of the school before then, the quality of the school and the surrounding community was beyond any possible expectation. I believe in the democratising of and maintenance of democracy in public institutions and in workplaces – that this principle be robustly defended and expanded. I have worked with young people in various capacities over the last 20 years, both as a volunteer and in paid positions. This has including work as an English as an additional language teacher, a youth worker, a support worker for people with learning disabilities, a personal assistant to a woman with disabilities in part-time education, as well as supervising undergraduate student projects. I have several years experience running community organisations, including being on the Committee of a housing tenant union for a number of years. At the beginning of 2020, I was instrumental in the setting up of local mutual aid groups that (among other things) provided weekly food parcels to up to 60 households and run a solidarity fund providing no questions ask grants to people in NE4. A year ago, we launched a democratic member-led organisation that came out of these groups, it has since grown to 200 members based in NE4. I believe I have the skills, passion, and experience to make a real contribution to the governor team.

Candidate 2 Phil Oliver Personal Statement

I have lived in the West End of Newcastle for 32 years since being a student at Newcastle University. My son is currently in Year 4 and is thoroughly enjoying his education at Wingrove Primary. This is down to the hard work and commitment of the staff and teachers at the school have shown themselves to be kind, caring and considerate. If elected governor I would relish the opportunity to give something back to a community that has served me so well. In addition, with my experience of almost 30 years of teaching experience I would like to use my expertise to help and support the school in any way that is needed. As a language teacher with experience from KS2 to KS5 I would love to help the continued development of a school that values diversity and celebrates the wonderful traditions of all our communities in the West end. If I could only make a small positive difference to our community that would make me feel I have contributed somewhat to our area.