



Heathcote School & Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Election of Parent Governors

I wrote to you on 19th September inviting nominations from parents who wished to become part of the School's Governing Board.

We have one parent governor vacancy at the moment and I have received three nominations: Maureen West-Fearon, Laura Marchant and Margaret Giles. This means we are holding an election. Governors play a really important role in the school's leadership and the education we provide at Heathcote. I encourage all parents to use their vote.

Each parent is entitled to one ballot paper, which should be returned to the school before noon on Friday 12th October 2018. Ballot papers may be returned via your child or may be put directly in the ballot box in the school office.

The candidates have provided statements setting out why they wish to become parent governors and these are attached with this letter. I would like to thank the candidates for putting themselves forward and wish them good luck in the election.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Roper
Chair of Governors

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Parent-Carer – Governor Election – 03.10.18

HEATHCOTE SCHOOL
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Laura Marchant	
Maureen West-Fearon	
Margaret Giles	

Please tick the boxes for the candidates you would like to vote for.

As there is only one vacancy you have one vote.

Please return this ballot paper to the School by **noon Friday 12th October 2018.**

Each parent is entitled to one ballot paper ONLY.

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

The candidates were asked to write a short statement saying why they would like to become a parent governor. This information may help in casting your vote.

Laura Marchant

As a local resident for 29 years, I would welcome the opportunity to become a governor to help improve outcomes and ensure we achieve the highest possible standards for our children. As an Assistant Head, I have a strong understanding of the education system and how to work alongside the school to move forward. I am also designed safeguarding lead trained, a foster carer and can ensure we support every child; including those most vulnerable.

I would love the opportunity to work alongside parents, staff and governors to make Heathcote the best school it can be. Many thanks for reading.

Maureen West-Fearon

I have been a parent governor at Heathcote School for four years and seeking re-election.

As a qualified Social Worker I have mainly worked with families and young people within fostering and the youth justice system. I've setup and managed several projects for those involved in 'gang-life' and behaviour modification programmes. I am a strong team player with a positive attitude and dedicated to achieve the best outcomes for children/young people.

I've learnt the value of being approachable, building trust and holding accountability for actions and decisions.

These skills will enable me to continue supporting the development of Heathcote.

Margaret Giles

I am interested in this position for the following reasons. My daughter has recently joined the sixth form and I am therefore keen to support the school in any way I can. I currently lead the Governance Team for a large charity which aims to provide young people with skills for life and I strongly believe that good education is an essential part of ensuring young people achieve their potential. I think good governance is very important for any organisation to be able to achieve its aims and objectives and would very much like to contribute to this.