



Heathcote School & Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer,



Re-Run of Election of Parent Governors

Unfortunately, the number of votes in the recent Parent Governor election was incredibly low and very disappointing for a school our size. It is because of this I have decided to re-run the election and, after feedback, we will allow ballot papers to be returned by e-mail. We have not done this before as the rules for electronic forms of voting are strict but I am keen that we try it.



We have one parent governor vacancy at the moment and Margaret Giles and Samantha Charles have put themselves forward as candidates. The candidates have provided statements setting out why they wish to become parent governors and these are attached with this letter.



Governors are part of the leadership of the school and the education we provide at Heathcote. Your vote really does count towards what that leadership looks like.



Each parent is entitled to one ballot paper, which should be returned to the school before noon on **Tuesday 12th February 2019**. There are four ways you can do this:

1. Return the ballot paper via your child;
2. Put the ballot paper in the box in the school office (we will also provide copies of the ballot paper next to the box so please do pop-in to reception);
3. Send the ballot paper via post (see address on the ballot paper); or
4. Return via e-mail to aroper@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk (unfortunately we can only allow one ballot paper per e-mail address).



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All votes must be received by the deadline so if submitting by post please allow plenty of time.



I would like to thank the candidates for putting themselves forward and their patience. I wish them good luck in the election.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Roper
Chair of Governors



HEATHCOTE SCHOOL
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Margaret Giles	
Samantha Charles	

Please tick the box for the candidate you would like to vote for.

As there is only one vacancy you have one vote.

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For postal votes please return to: The Chair of Governors, Heathcote School and Science College, 96 Normanton Park, Chingford, London E4 6ES.

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.

Margaret Giles

I am interested in the role of parent governor for the following reasons.

My daughter has recently joined the school and I am therefore keen to support the school community in any way I can. I strongly believe that good education is an essential part of ensuring young people achieve their potential, and become valuable members of society. A strong and supportive school community is also part of developing their mental wellbeing and confidence.

I have worked for a number of years for a large charity, which provides young people with skills for life, and I believe that the values we are committed to apply to the school setting equally and are aligned to the school's vision, values and objectives. I currently lead the Governance Team which supports and contributes to all of the Board and Committee meetings for the charity, where decisions are made regarding policy, strategic direction, risk management, budgets and the safeguarding and development of young people. I am also responsible for compliance with all regulatory matters including Data Protection. I fully understand and am committed to the importance of understanding the aims and objectives of the school and governing body and I am prepared to do the necessary research so that I can contribute effectively to meetings and discussions.

I would very much like the opportunity to support the effective governance of the school as I believe that this is very important in order for any organisation to be able to achieve its aims and objectives.

Samantha Charles

I would like to volunteer to be a parent governor, to help shape the future of Heathcote School and to contribute to making a difference in the local and school community

I believe having a voice as a parent is very important to the school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation from parents among its membership to enable good parent partnership working.

I have a real willingness to contribute through listening, challenging, commenting upon documents and policies, attending training and actively contributing to meetings and knowing that decisions made collectively will have a huge impact on children's lives, which is a great driver for me.

What I can offer as a parent governor

- As a local resident I can offer local knowledge which will be valuable, as I will have a "sense" for what is important to families having worked in the Voluntary sector as an advocate for parents
- I can provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add different perspectives to school matters.
- Knowledge through my current role as a Local Authority Officer and my part in improving local children's education that have SEN in Waltham Forest, which includes inclusive practices and a "Think Family Model"
- Years of experience of working with parents and multi-agencies to improve Educational and Health outcomes.

Being a parent governor will be a privilege. I would welcome the opportunity to help shape the future of Heathcote School and I'm positive I will be an asset to the school.