

St Monica's R.C. High School

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15th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I wrote to you recently to invite you to consider standing for election as a parent governor of this school. Since there have been more nominations than vacancies and we now need to hold an election.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- a copy of the candidates' personal statements

You may vote for up to two of the candidates. Each family can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an X alongside the names of the parents you support.

Completed ballot papers should be returned to the school in a sealed envelope by 12 noon on Tuesday, 29th September 2020. Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in an envelope clearly marked 'Parent Governor Election', bearing the name and address of the voter, the name(s) of their child(ren) and should be signed across the seal. Failure to do so may result in your vote not being counted.

This should then be put in the ballot box, which can be found by in the school reception. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return to the following address:

Mrs H Collier
Deputy Returning Officer
St Monica's RC High School
Bury Old Road
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Manchester
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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

H. Collier

Mrs H Collier
Deputy Returning Officer



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

There are 2 vacancies for parent governors.

You may vote for candidates, but NOT vote more than once for each candidate.

Candidates:

Rhys Cathcart

I am an experienced school governor taking a school from Requires Improvement to Good. I am Deputy Cabinet member for Children and Families and Chair Corporate Parenting at Bury MBC. Professionally, I manage a Children and Families Charity. If elected, I will champion and challenge the SLT to ensure all our children are 'On the Bus' leaving no child behind. As an active Christian, I will support the school to uphold the Roman Catholic teachings and values to ensure the spiritual and moral guidance of our children, to love one another and be their best selves in servitude of the Lord.

Olivia Edwards

I am a working mum with two children who attend St Monica's. My past work experience is in Human Resources, but currently own and run our family business in food and wine wholesale/distribution.

I am passionate about becoming a parent school governor as I think it is important to have a parent voice in the wellbeing of our children. I want all our children to be given every possible opportunity for them to thrive and have a positive experience whilst they are at St Monica's.

James Fildes

As a former Deputy Headteacher of 12 years' experience, ex teacher-governor and a parent, I will give committed, well-informed service as a governor at St Monica's. This is particularly important, given the challenges that the school has faced recently, and the ongoing transition process to academy status. For me, what is of paramount importance is the continuing, and improving quality of education for all pupils: examination performance, pastoral care, wellbeing and the development of pupils as confident, skilled and contributing citizens – the adults of the future. As a governor, I pledge to be: dedicated, questioning and honest.

Martin Greenhalgh

I am a married father of two daughters aged 14 and 7, the eldest attending St Monica's. My career background is business analysis/project management and currently responsible for IT infrastructure and Cyber Security for a business in Bury with 150 employees and turnover of circa £40 million.

I am also a volunteer steward for the newly formed community football club Bury AFC.

I believe I have the qualities and experience to make a positive contribution to the development of the school to make it the best place for our children to develop and grow into the best versions of themselves.

David Leysens

I am a father of three boys who have attended, are currently attending or will attend the school in the coming years. I currently work as part of the senior team at Marsh Limited, a global insurance broking and risk advisory firm, with experience of working with businesses, running large teams and ownership of the financials.

Supporting St Monica's, its staff and pupils as a parent governor as they continue their journey is a critical role. I have served as both a parent governor and as a foundation governor at St Philips RC Primary School for in excess of 10 years. Until recently, my experience in a voluntary capacity also included serving as a board trustee for Groundwork, a local charitable trust.

The education of our children is the most significant investment that we make as parents; as a parent governor I will seek to act as a critical friend, to question and positively challenge the school to ensure it delivers for all our children and maximises their potential.



St Monica's RC High School

St Teresa of Calcutta
Roman Catholic
Multi Academy Trust



Election of Parent Governors to the Local Governing Board of St Monica's RC High School

BALLOT PAPER

Election date: Tuesday, 29th September 2020

Please put a cross X in the box beside the name of the candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote.

YOU MAY VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2 CANDIDATES

NAME	VOTES ONLY
Rhys Cathcart	<input type="checkbox"/>
Olivia Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Fildes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin Greenhalgh	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Leysens	<input type="checkbox"/>

DO NOT IDENTIFY YOURSELF ON THIS BALLOT PAPER