

Gilmour Primary School

Parent Governor Elections



Please see candidate information for the election of Parent Governors. There are three candidates and two Parent Governor spaces available.

Please select two candidates.

The vote will open on Wednesday 27th February at 4pm and will close on Friday 8th March at 3pm.

The link to the voting website will be sent to you by email at 4pm. This email will contain the information you need to log in and vote.

If you don't receive an email please contact admin@gilmourprimary.com

Candidate: Joy Snowdon

Children's year groups: Year 3, Year 4

Statement in respect of your application for election as Parent Governor

My children have attended Gilmour for the past 8 years. My eldest has now moved onto Year 7 and I have 2 in the junior department.

I have been a parent governor of Gilmour Infant School since December 2022, and formed part of the shadow governing body during the amalgamation and the formation of the primary school

My children have loved being part of this school and its success and I would like the opportunity to continue to be able to help it to thrive for years to come.

I am an Assistant Headteacher in a primary school with 22 years experience of working with children from Nursery through to Year 6. During this time my roles have included SENDCo, Mental Health Lead, Science Lead, Phonics Lead, PE lead, and Key Stage One Lead. All of these roles and responsibilities have given me a huge insight into school life as a whole.

As Assistant Head, I am heavily involved in: the strategic development and direction of my school; the performance management of staff; the educational performance of pupils and overseeing financial budgets related to areas of the curriculum I am responsible for. All of which comprise the main roles of school governors.

My experience has also given me opportunities to participate in school governor meetings within my own setting, deal with staffing issues, write policies, contribute towards school development plans, scrutinise assessment of pupils and how to support these pupils to reach their full potential.

During my leadership role I have had to be willing to challenge staff and senior leaders when necessary, asking difficult questions about why school is struggling in a particular area and what can be done to improve it. I am not afraid to ask challenging questions if necessary on behalf of all the children. I am also keen to support the school and all of its dedicated staff who work so hard to do their very best for our children.

As a parent I am incredibly proud of this school and would like to help them to continue to improve and develop and ensure that, you as parents, get to be as proud of the school as I am.

Candidate: Liz Turner

Children's year groups: Year 1

Statement in respect of your application for election as Parent Governor

I am applying to be a parent governor to provide a parental perspective on the way the school is managed and on the experiences of children. I would bring the experience gained through almost 20 years working within Higher Education. I am currently the Education Lead in a large social science department at the University of Liverpool. In this role I have gained insight into the challenges and pressures facing education leaders, teachers, and students today.

My son's experience at Gilmour Infants, now Primary School has been positive and as parents we have felt welcomed into a friendly and happy School community. The governing body plays an important role in overseeing the management of the school, including strategy, aims and objectives and policies and targets. I am applying for the role of parent governor because I think I could make useful and constructive contributions to this process and so support Gilmour Primary in continuing to be a great place for our children to learn.

Candidate: Shannon Eastwood
Children's year groups: Reception

Statement in respect of your application for election as Parent Governor:

I am an enthusiastic, energetic and committed parent who is keen to contribute to school life. My daughter, Eleri Eastwood, is currently in reception with Miss Turner, and hopefully, my son, Elis, will be joining the school shortly in the years ahead.

I feel I have a lot to offer the school as a Parent Governor. I am a barrister at Atlantic Chambers in Liverpool and I specialise in personal injury, employment and commercial litigation (all of which may assist in the operation of a school).

My wife is a doctor at the Liverpool Women's Hospital, and an Academic Clinical Lecturer at the University of Liverpool. We both sit on the committee for the Merseyside Medico-legal Society where I currently hold the position of Secretary. We pride ourselves on contributing to our local community and were thrilled when our daughter secured a place at this school.

As a Trustee of Cressington Park, and having lived in the area for many years, I have also worked closely with the local Councillor, Richard Klein, council officers, and local businesses and tradesmen on a range of issues. I'm sure some of these contacts may be of assistance as a Governor.

From these various roles, and as a former member of Chambers' Management Committee, I am proficient with budgeting and finances. Wherever possible, I will always ensure that the school gets the best value for money on all expenditure.

Finally, I am currently in charge of recruitment at Atlantic Chambers as the Pupillage Officer, and for a number of years I volunteered as a mentor for students through the University of Liverpool and Inner Temple. I know how important it is that every child gets the best possible start in life and I strongly believe that a good education is the passport to freedom. But a real education is what is left behind after you've forgotten what you learned at school.

Through all of these roles I have developed attributes that are suited to highly effective governance. I am personable and pride myself in building strong working relationships with others. I will be a sounding board for parents and students alike to ensure that your interests are always well represented. I will constantly strive for continued improvement and success, and I am not afraid to challenge the status quo where necessary. Above all, I hope to ensure that Gilmour continues to be a happy, warm and welcoming place for all students, parents and teachers alike.

I do not underestimate the work involved as a Governor, but I would be honoured if selected and prepared to dedicate my time, skills and knowledge to such a good cause.

