



6th July 2020

To the Parents/Carers of Belleville Primary School,

## **Belleville Primary School Local Governing Body (LGB) election: July 2020**

Please find attached the relevant paperwork to enable you to vote in the Local Governing Body (LGB) election. This letter/voting slip is only sent to each household so there is one voting paper per family.

We are extremely pleased with the number and quality of candidates who have put themselves forward for consideration. Eight parents/carers submitted their nominations and we are very grateful to them all. Please take time to consider each of their supporting statements.

Every parent/carer in the school now has the opportunity to vote in this election. We have two vacancies on the LGB, so each of you may vote for up to 2 candidates. We encourage you to participate in this process so that you can choose the candidates whom you consider will be best placed to further develop our outstanding school.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN GROVE, Executive Headteacher  
and EMMA STACE, Chair of Belleville's Local Governing Body

# Parent/Carer Local Governing Body (LGB) election

## July 2020

### What do LGB governors do?

The Local Governing Body at Belleville plays a key role in the management of our large and outstanding school. Our LGB governors work with the Senior Leadership Team and the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) Trustees to ensure that the school is well-run, our children are safe and that our provision is constantly improving. They are representative parents and carers rather than representatives of parents and carers.

### Who can vote?

All parents and carers of children currently at Belleville are eligible to vote.

**There is one voting paper per family, both parents/carers are entitled to vote.**

### How do I vote?

**We currently have two parent/carers LGB vacancies.**

- Please put one **cross in the box** against each parent/carers you are voting for.
- You may choose **a maximum of two** people.
- Please ensure you also enter your home address in the small box on the voting form as house number or name, followed by your postcode  
e.g. 112 / 'Ardingly', SW11 6PR

**Please complete and return your voting paper to school, either**

**by email to: [lgbelection20@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:lgbelection20@bellevilleschool.org)**

**or direct to the school office at Webb's Road or Meteor Street**

**by 4.00pm on Monday 13th July.**

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# CANDIDATES

## **BASCH**

Julien



I have been involved with the school since 2013. I have been class rep twice, PTA member for the past two years, led the adoption of Classlist for communications. I try to get more fathers involved with the school. I asked the council to plant trees around the school. I helped with many events.

I can't help but be involved with the Belleville community. There are two subjects I am interested in, that compel me to apply to become a member of the Local Governing Body:

- The use of technology in teaching -- which is still in its infancy;
- Retention of girls in Science and Technology.

I am a data driven software engineer, always ready to challenge the status quo, and passionate about technology and teaching, as such, I am well-equipped to promote the above. I am also ready to keep the school accountable via well-defined measurable goals, and to help it with IT choices to streamline processes.

## **CHOPRA**

Sanjeev



I care about the school and have become increasingly more involved (parent volunteer, school trips, establishing a cricket club & running the summer fair curry stall) over the years and would now like to take this involvement further through the LGB.

I have a good understanding of the local community, having lived in Battersea for 20 years, which would ensure that the school's interests were aligned with that of the local area.

I have the time, energy & enthusiasm to be an active and challenging member of the LGB.

I am very sociable and have a great circle of friends/parents, both within and outside of Belleville, which would allow me to bring a variety of different ideas and views to the LGB and to use this network to the benefit of the school.

I have an awareness and appreciation of issues around equality, diversity and inclusion, which I would seek to promote within the school.

**GRAINGER**

Matt



My name is Matt and my son Ishan is just starting out at Belleville, coming to the end of his Nursery year. I hope to bring a number of skills to the role of governor developed from my professional and personal experiences.

I am a Chartered Accountant by training and work for a large multinational company. The school has specifically asked for governors with experience in sales and marketing and I believe I can support this having built up strong commercial knowledge through my working life. I have operated in highly complex environments, lived and worked overseas and understand the fundamentals of running a large organisation.

My son Ishan is disabled, having been diagnosed with "CHARGE" syndrome. Because of Ishan's disability I have worked closely with the school and local authority to support his needs and ensure his inclusivity here at Belleville. Ishan has given me a new perspective on life, one which makes me want to strive for opportunity for all and ensuring everyone is given an equal chance to achieve their maximum potential. Clearly for children this starts with a great education.

Given the success of the school to date, I see my role as one of custodian and oversight, ensuring it continues doing what it does well. I can see from my interactions this year that the teachers have a passion for what they do and always put the children first. My role would be to facilitate and support this. I want to put the children's education and development, safety and well being at the heart of every decision the school makes. I would be an active and engaged member of the board of governors and would be happy to support in any capacity needed.

**HARDY**

Katie



My family has been a part of the Belleville community for almost 6 years and, having benefitted from the education provided by the school for my own children (Y5 and Y3), I am keen to contribute my time and skills to help the school continue to do its best for all our children.

My background is in law – I have worked in the banking and finance team of a major city law firm since 2003, most recently in a knowledge lawyer role. I also volunteer for IPSEA which is a charity providing legal advice on special educational needs issues to parents and carers. As a governor, I would be particularly concerned to ensure that Belleville remains an aspirational, inclusive and happy school where every child is able to thrive and be supported to reach their full potential.

**HILL**

Jessica



My name is Jessica and my son is in Year 2. I also have a 2 year-old daughter. I am a Chartered Marketer and communications specialist working in the arts and education sectors. I started out working in fundraising for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and then became Senior Marketing & Press Manager to the Royal Albert Hall.

In 2018, I became Head of Marketing & Communications for St Paul's School, one of the leading independent schools in the country. I would like to bring this expertise, for both positive communications and crisis management, to help Belleville as one of its governors.

My son is very happy at Belleville and it is an outstanding school. However, I would like to work with the school to improve communications, the implementation of technology and to help find solutions to the current situation. Having worked through the Covid-19 crisis within a school, I have experience of the importance of communication with parents/carers and the interpretation of ever-changing government advice. St Paul's is now a beacon for safeguarding practice, so I also have considerable understanding of this area. My main concerns during this crisis are for our children's wellbeing and social interaction as well as their learning.

I also feel strongly about the importance of the creative subjects like music, art and drama as part of children's overall development and, as life returns to 'normal', I would like to bring my knowledge of arts education to support Belleville in this area too.

**JOHNSON**

Siobhan



The reason I would like to be a school governor is because I am really interested with kids learning at school and finding different ways of helping every need of the child. I can offer a lot especially with kids that have learning difficulties due to the fact my son has autism and he finds it challenging to learn, plus I have dyslexia and I used to battle and struggle with it in school.

**OGLE**

Rosie



I would like to be a local governor. I currently have 3 children at the school and having lived in the area for over 15 years I have seen Belleville serve its community and adapt quickly to changes within it. I have been an active parent at the school as class representative, as a trustee on the PTA and in organising events. Belleville has created a happy, supportive and collaborative environment for my children. As a local governor I would like to ensure that a wide range of views and opinions are considered appropriately; as well as continuing to ensure it is a community school of choice.

I currently look after my children full time; in addition, as a family we own a local business and I assist with its strategic direction, growth and day to day administration. I have developed numerous important skills which will assist me with the local governor role. Prior to having children, I had over ten years' experience in human resource advice and strategy, most recently as a partner at an Investment Management firm. I believe my HR skills and experience could be used to the benefit of school governance. People are the core of any organisation and in Belleville this is just as key – good teachers and accountable leadership can continue to provide an outstanding school for generations to come.

**VORA**

Nina



Having lived locally for the last decade, I have witnessed the vital role Belleville plays in the local community. With two children thriving at Belleville (in nursery and year 1), my family and I feel fortunate to have this caring, inclusive environment in which our children are nurtured and receive an excellent education. I have relished opportunities such as reading in classrooms, helping with school fayres and attending school trips as well as getting to know many Belleville children in my role as a parent volunteer with a local Beavers unit. However, I have a strong desire to offer more.

Professionally, I am an academic clinician, balancing work as an infectious diseases and virology doctor with clinical research, working on national and international clinical trials. A large proportion of my work involves working with vulnerable adults and children and I have significant safeguarding experience. I have also worked closely with the London based HIV charity Body & Soul, empowering young people affected by HIV. I am passionate about ALL children being nurtured to reach their full potential and am involved in schemes mentoring high achieving students from underrepresented backgrounds aspiring to become doctors, as well having taught medical students, nurses and postgraduate students at leading universities over the last 14 years.

I am committed to putting my skills to use to help represent Belleville's diverse community and their needs with enthusiasm, whilst working alongside the excellent team at Belleville to maintain their high standards in this challenging climate.

# BALLOT PAPER

EACH PARENT/CARER MAY VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 PEOPLE.

Please take time to read the brief summaries provided by each of the 8 candidates standing for election (above).

Nominations	Parent / Carer <b>one</b>	Parent / Carer <b>two</b>
<b>BASCH</b> Julien	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CHOPRA</b> Sanjeev	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GRAINGER</b> Matt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HARDY</b> Katie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HILL</b> Jessica	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>JOHNSON</b> Siobhan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>OGLE</b> Rosie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>VORA</b> Nina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please enter your house number or name:**

**Please enter your registered home postcode :**

A Word version of the ballot paper is available from our [website](http://www.belleville-school.org.uk/our-governance/our-local-governing-body)  
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