



Birmingham Federation
Maintained Nursery Schools

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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I wrote to you on 30th January 2026 to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent governor.

I am delighted to say that there are 4 candidates for the 2 vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates
- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order, by surname)

You may vote for up to 2 candidates. Each parent can only 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 name(s) of the parent(s) you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper, please fold the paper and place it in the ballot box, which can be found at Reception. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return to the following address: governor@jakeman.bham.sch.uk. All ballot votes must be given by the end of the school day on Thursday 5th March 2026.

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 inform you of the outcome.

If in the meantime you have any queries, please ask at your school office or send your query by email to governor@jakeman.bham.sch.uk.

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to support this election.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Richards - Executive Head Teacher

Returning Officer

Personal Statement: Sobia Abid

With a wealth of experience in education leadership and love community work, I strive to bring my vast skillset to improve outcomes for all pupils, despite the barriers they may face.

Having had experience of chairing and presenting at Governor Meetings previously, I am committed to setting a strong strategic direction for the Nursery Schools and to ensure Executive Head Teachers are held to account to achieve this.

I am truly passionate about shaping and improving the lived experiences and life chances/outcomes for the next generation, particularly those who are more vulnerable and from deprived communities.

I have often been described as compassionate, hardworking and resilient by those who know me.

I would like to develop key community links to ensure the Nursery Schools are not only accessible to children but to families too. I would like to bring my love for music, art and theatre to enhance educational outcomes and to bring learning to life.

I would love to see our learners take an active approach to their learning, helping them to become responsible, empowered and confident future leaders.

Personal Statement: Aimee Blake

As all parents do, I want the best education for my children and for every child across the nursery school federation. I am applying to be a Parent Governor in the hope that I can contribute to the future development and success of BMFNS.

Having previously worked as Nursery Assistant in Essex, I understand the challenges that come with providing continuously outstanding provision that meets the diverse needs of young children. This is why I am so passionate about BMFNS's vision statement of an innovative and sustainable educational model inspired by children's rights and ambitions for their future success. The early years are such a critical part of a child's life, and access to high quality education provided by passionate staff who make them feel safe is vital in securing a foundation for their love of lifelong learning.

With two children in nursery school, I am incredibly keen to keep up to date with what they're learning and am fascinated by how they're able to build such fundamental skills through play. Having also worked as a teacher, I take great joy in understanding the pedagogical methodologies behind how this works and like to extend my knowledge through wider reading, particularly through publications via CREC (Centre for Research in Early Childhood.)

I am grateful to have been able to participate in these roles as they have given me an insight into not only how important education is, but how to realistically meet the goals of provision. From managing Ofsted requirements, engaging with a school community, to assisting in the allocation of a schools budget. These roles have also developed my ability to confidently, yet diplomatically, understand and challenge how services may be provided.

I hope that you will consider me for the role of Parent Governor.

Personal Statement: Farah Warsame

My name is Farah. I wanted to submit my nomination to become a parent governor. My daughter attended Newtown Nursery last year and my youngest child attends currently. I have witnessed first hand the positive impact attending the nursery has had in my daughters lives.

I would love to become a parent governor so that I can support the nursery in continuing to serve our community and our children.

Personal Statement: Rumman Amir Zaidi

I would like to apply for the role as a Parent Governor as I am keen to contribute positively to the nursery's continued success and to support the education and wellbeing of all children.

I hold a Master's degree in Finance and a Bachelor's degree with Honours in Computer Science. Through my academic and professional experience, I have developed strong analytical, organisational, and problem-solving skills which I believe would be valuable in supporting the governing body, particularly in areas such as financial awareness, data understanding and strategic decision making.

As a parent, I understand the importance of safe and inclusive environment. I am committed to ensuring that all children, regardless of background, are given equal opportunities to thrive. I can speak English, Urdu and Punjabi, which I believe is a strength in Birmingham's diverse community and can help support effective communication and inclusion.

I am a good listener, able to work collaboratively, and respectful of confidentiality. I am keen to represent parent's views in a balanced and constructive manner while supporting and appropriately challenging the nursery leadership, when needed.

I would be honoured to contribute my skills, experience and enthusiasm as a Parent Governor.
