

17 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Barton Hill Academy Local Governing Body
Parent Local Governor Election**

As you may be aware, I wrote to all parents and carers recently regarding the parent local governor election and invited nominations for the position to be returned by Friday 10th November. The following nominations have been received and are listed below:

1. Jason Clarkson
2. Hodan Shirwa

As the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies, it is now necessary to hold an election for which a ballot paper is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a statement from each candidate (where this has been received) to assist you in the voting process.

How to Vote

- On the ballot paper, place an X in the right hand column against the candidate(s) of your choice.
- As there is one parent governor post available, you may only vote for **one** candidate.
- Only parents/carers of registered pupils at the Academy are eligible to vote.
- Each parent/carers is entitled to complete one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children at the school.
- **Please return your completed ballot paper by 5.00 pm on Friday 24 November 2017.** A ballot box is located at Reception. If you return your ballot paper by post or, if you prefer, with your child please clearly mark the sealed envelope with 'Parent Governor Election' so that it is put in the ballot box unopened.

The parent(s) with the highest number of votes will be declared elected. In the event of a tie the votes will be recounted but if there is still no winner, then the successful candidate shall be the one with the youngest child in the school.

If you require any assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Gail Bragg
Chair of Governors
Barton Hill Primary Academy**

**BARTON HILL ACADEMY
LOCAL GOVERNING BODY**

PARENT LOCAL GOVERNOR ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2017

BALLOT PAPER

This voting paper lists all the candidates nominated for ONE Parent Local Governor vacancy on the Barton Hill Academy Local Governing Body.

Information from candidates about themselves is set out overleaf

YOU MAY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE

Name and Statement of Candidate	<i>Insert X against the candidate(s) you support</i>
JASON CLARKSON Statement given overleaf	
HODEN SHIRWA Statement given overleaf	

Either place in the ballot box at Barton Hill Academy Reception or post to the Academy in a sealed envelope addressed to Emma Tovey, Principal, Barton Hill Academy, Queen Ann Road, Bristol BS5 9TX and clearly marked 'PARENT LOCAL GOVERNOR ELECTION'

by 5.00 pm on Friday 24 November 2017

Candidate Statements

JASON CLARKSON

My name is Jason Clarkson, I am the proud father of two girls attending Barton Hill Academy. I am a former pupil of Barton Hill Academy as well as a local resident. I currently work on the senior leadership team within a secondary school and also have the role as Deputy Safeguarding officer.

I would like to be Parent Governor in order to be a part of the process helping Barton Hill Academy to make positive steps to ensure that all children have opportunities to succeed. In my experience with the school there are so many good things that are happening that, hopefully, with continued governance and scrutiny will become consistently embedded throughout the school.

As is evident with my current role, student safety is my first priority. A student that is not safe, may not be happy and a student that is not happy cannot engage fully in their learning. Part of this work isn't always down to the teachers, some of the work starts at home. But if I were to become governor then I can be part of ensuring that work is being done by school at a standard that enables the children to have consistently positive starts to their school life.

HODAN SHIRWA

My name is Hodan and I have three children at the school. Like all parents, I want the best for my children and believe that we need to support the school but at times we also need to question the way things are done. I would like to look at how things work and to make a difference and I would hope that I could accomplish this as a governor. I would love the opportunity to get to know the school community (parents, pupils and staff). I am passionate about the education that children receive and have a desire to ensure that every child gets the best possible education and opportunity to succeed in life. If appointed, I promise that whilst offering all support the school needs to ensure that the strategic development of the school is achieved, I will also take the approach of a critical friend through asking of questions and challenging the work of the head teacher and the senior leadership team to ensure that the school is not only achieving for every child, but that it is constantly striving to exceed for every child.

I am always happy to have a chat so feel free to ask me if you have questions.