ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Parent Governor Candidate Statement – Tonya Foster

I am married with one child, aged 12, who currently attends the school in Year 8. In addition, other children within my wider family also attend the school, which gives me a strong personal connection and vested interest in its continued success.

Professionally, I work full time as a Continuous Improvement Manager, where I help organisations improve performance, solve problems, make effective use of resources and deliver positive outcomes through collaboration, strategic planning and evidence-based decision making. My role requires me to work with people at all levels, provide constructive challenge, support change and ensure that improvements deliver long term benefits. I believe these skills would be valuable in supporting the governing board and the school's future ambitions.

I also bring previous governor experience, having served as a school governor and Chair of Governors at a local primary school for four years. This experience gave me a strong understanding of the responsibilities of governors, the importance of effective governance and the vital role that parents play in supporting schools and their communities.

I would like to be considered for this role because I am passionate about helping all children achieve their potential, regardless of their background, circumstances or abilities. As both a parent and an experienced governor, I understand the importance of balancing the interests of individual families with the needs of the wider school community. I am committed to acting in the best interests of all pupils and supporting the school to provide the highest possible standard of education, care and opportunity.

I can offer my time, experience, commitment and enthusiasm to the role. Having enjoyed being a governor previously and gained significant personal development from the experience, I would welcome the opportunity to once again contribute positively to a school community and help support the continued success of this school and its pupils.

Parent Governor Candidate Statement – Paul Witcomb

I am standing for the role of parent governor as I am passionate about ensuring that every child has the same opportunity to develop, grow & achieve their full potential in a safe, exciting & supportive environment.

Having recently retired, as a former pupil of Chase Terrace, father, grandfather & adoptive father to children who have previously attended & currently attend the school, I hope to be able to help the Academy provide students with the tools they will need to move forward & to be the best that they can be in life. Particularly as a former foster carer, I am acutely aware of the unique challenges that this generation is faced with. I believe that I have a lifetime of experiences that can help the team drive the Academy forwards in a positive way.

Parent Governor Candidate Statement – Teresa Wright

As a parent, I have a genuine commitment to seeing Chase Terrace Academy thrive and ensuring every young person has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. I bring over 20 years' experience in public service, including senior leadership and governance, which has given me a strong understanding of accountability, organisational improvement and effective leadership. Through my professional experience, I see first-hand the long-term impact that education, the quality of teaching and the opportunities available to young people can have on their future lives. This has reinforced my belief that a positive educational experience can be life-changing and that every child deserves the best possible start in life. I would bring a strategic perspective, the confidence to ask challenging questions and a constructive approach to supporting and holding leaders to account. Equally, I believe good governance is about listening, understanding different perspectives and ensuring parents' voices are heard. I would welcome the opportunity to use my experience and passion to make a meaningful contribution to the school's future and help ensure every pupil has the opportunity to succeed.

Parent Governor Candidate Statement - Sarah Ansell

I wish to apply for the role of Parent Governor at Chase Terrace Academy as my son currently attends and I have been impressed with the school so far. I strongly advocate for state - funded education and have a genuine interest in educating future generations. I have been a Parent Governor at Jerome Primary School (where both of my children attended) for two years now and I very much enjoy this role.

I am keen to join the governing body as I have experience in the role, and I am genuinely interested in how the school is run and managed. I have a particular interest in getting children into reading, as it is my biggest passion and I fostered this from reading in school. In return, I can offer my experience as a manager for a nationwide company who deal with many different people daily, and a commitment to help where I can. I feel passionately about schools providing a positive and genuinely good experience for all children, regardless of background or ability so that everyone can reach their full potential and succeed in life - whatever that means for them.

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Please place a tick against **two** of the following to indicate your vote.

Voting forms to be posted in the box marked Parent Governor Voting Forms in the School Reception Area. The successful candidate's name will be published no later than 3pm on Tuesday 24th November 2026 and elected parents informed.

Candidate 1	**Tonya Foster**	
Candidate 2	**Paul Witcomb**	
Candidate 3	**Teresa Wright**	
Candidate 4	**Sarah Ansell**	