



Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School

Care, Grow, Persevere, Shine

Dear Parents & Carers

Monday 30th November 2023

We have been delighted to receive 3 applications from parents following our request for parent governors. As we have more than one candidate we must now hold an election.

Anyone with parental responsibility for a child attending our school can vote. One vote per parent is allowed regardless of how many children they have in school.

The ballot paper is below and should be returned to school in a sealed envelope by

Monday 6th November 2023 @ 9am

On behalf of the Governors I thank all the candidates for putting themselves forward.

Mrs Clare Ahern, parent of Austin & Euan Ahern

Hi, I'm Clare, mum of 2 boys in Class R and Year 5. We moved to Crowmarsh when my eldest was in year 2 and we've not looked back. It was clear from the outset that the teachers were passionate and driven about teaching and I want to help develop & support the structure in place to make sure our children are in the best setting it can be.

I am a director of a private language and a pathways college and I have also been an inspector within my sector, equivalent to Ofsted. I have passed 5 inspections as principal/director with outstanding and I am the designated lead safeguarding officer for my college. I have dealt with many different HR areas and I am fully responsible for the financial reporting and budgeting for my college which is part of a multi-million-pound company. I am also trained as a mental health first aider, which I feel is crucial to our modern society. Good mental health helps our children develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and we are here to nurture them so they grow into well-rounded, healthy adults.

It is about working together in unity and empowering the leadership team, the staff and supporting the children to share the vision and ethos of the school; to care, grow, persevere and shine

Every single child matters and I believe the skills I have are transferable to work in school governance.

Mr David Evans, parent of Fleur & Kyffin Evans

I have children in Classes 2 and 4 and would like to actively contribute as a Governor to maintain and improve the high standards at Crowmarsh Gifford School. My background is in Structural Engineering, and I currently work for a small, Caversham-based company where I specialise in repairing/refurbishing historic buildings. I was Treasurer at Streatley Pre-School for 2 years (during Covid) and prior to that, Treasurer for a charity involved with heritage education for 4 years. I would like to think my skills and experience will be a benefit to the school.

Mr Mike Garcia, parent of Zoe Garcia

I would like to apply for the role of Parent Governor as I currently have a child at the school and hopefully two once my son can apply for a place in 2025. I work in financial service so I hope to provide some expertise in this area. Due to my role being a regulated activity I am personally held to account by the industry regulator and understand the importance of good governance to ensure high standards and transparency.

Yours sincerely, Mrs V. Eaglen, Headteacher

Headteacher: Mrs V Eaglen **Assistant Headteacher:** Mrs K Lucas
Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 8EN
Tel: 01491 836785 **Email:** office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk
Website: www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com





Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School

Care, Grow, Persevere, Shine

BALLOT Paper Parent Governor Election November 2023

Paper copies available from the school office

There are **1** vacancies for **1** parent governor on the governing board. You may vote for up to **1** candidates. Please put an 'X' in the box next to your preferred candidate(s). **If you vote for more than 1 candidate your votes will not be counted.**

VOTE FOR UP TO (*number e.g. 2*) CANDIDATES ONLY

1	Mrs Clare Ahern, parent of Austin & Euan Ahern	
2	Mr David Evans, parent of Fleur & Kyffin Evans	
3	Mr Mike Garcia, parent of Zoe Garcia	

Below is a brief note prepared by each candidate about themselves.

When you have chosen your preferred candidates, please:

1. Fold the ballot paper - **do not write your name on the ballot paper.**
2. Place your folded ballot paper in one of the envelopes provided **DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS ENVELOPE**
3. Put the blank envelope in the second envelope and **write your name on this envelope so that it can be checked against the list of eligible voters.** (This envelope will be opened and discarded by the independent scrutineer without looking at the votes cast.)
4. If ballot papers are returned without a name on the outside envelope all candidates will be asked if they wish to accept them. If all candidates agree to accept unnamed envelopes; the result goes ahead. If one candidate disagrees all unnamed envelopes are disregarded. If candidates cannot be contacted on the day of the ballot the count will be delayed until they have been.
5. Deliver your ballot to the school (in person) and place in the ballot box which will be available between **(time)** and **(time)** in **(place)**.

All ballot papers must be received by (Monday 6th November 2023 @ 9am). Ballot papers received after this date, for whatever reason, will not be counted.

Headteacher: Mrs V Eaglen Assistant Headteacher: Mrs K Lucas
Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 8EN
Tel: 01491 836785 Email: office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk
Website: www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com

