



23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR**

You may remember that you were recently notified about the election of a Parent Governor to the Local Advisory Board (Governing Body) of the school.

6 nominations have been received to fill the vacancy, which means that there has to be an election by ballot. I am, therefore, inviting you to indicate which of the nominees you would wish to be your representative on the Board. The arrangements for the election are as follows:

- Each nominee has had an opportunity to provide further information about themselves and this has been included below to help you decide for whom you wish to vote;
- Please click on the link or scan the QR code to access the ballot form online.

<https://shorturl.at/VPBNI>

Completed ballot forms should be submitted **no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

In the event of a tie the successful candidate will be decided by the drawing of lots.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs Kirsty Hutchinson  
Headteacher



## COTTINGLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Each parent is entitled to **ONE** vote.

Each nominee has had an opportunity to provide further information about themselves and this has been included below to help you decide for whom you wish to vote.

### **CANDIDATES**

**Name – Rachel Webster**

Parent of – Jasper Webster

As a solicitor I am well versed in reviewing vast amounts of information and challenging the content, to ensure appropriate accountability and visibility of responsibilities.

As a parent I take a very keen interest in the wider running of the school, and consider it important to ensure the parental voice is heard and considered by the School and Trust when making strategic and operational decisions.

I would welcome the opportunity to be that parental voice, and consider my professional background would help me to navigate this role successfully.

I am committed to dedicating the time needed to properly embrace and perform this role, to ensure the relationship between the school, pupils and parents/carers is as open, honest and collaborative as possible.

**Name – Rahima Ghafoor**

Parent of – Amaya Hussain and Mustafa Hussain

I would be proud to serve as a Parent Governor at Cottingley Village Primary School because I am deeply invested in both my children's education and the wider school community. As a parent, I care strongly about ensuring that every child feels supported, safe, and encouraged to achieve their full potential.

I bring strong organisational, communication, and leadership skills, along with the ability to listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and work collaboratively with others. In my professional life, I am used to balancing priorities, making fair and informed decisions, and supporting people to do their best skills that I believe are directly transferable to the role of Parent Governor.

I am committed, approachable, and willing to dedicate the time needed to understand the responsibilities of governance and contribute positively to the school's continued success. I would welcome the opportunity to represent parents' voices, support the school's values, and help ensure Cottingley Village Primary School continues to thrive for all pupils.



**Name – Subah Iqbal**

Parent of – Maryam Khan and Maria Khan

I believe that I would be a strong candidate for the role of school governor because of my interest and passion towards the schooling system and also my professional background as a pharmacist and part time lecturer. I think that both roles have equipped me with a broad skill set that aligns well with effective school governance.

As a pharmacist I bring a strong sense of responsibility, attention to detail, and experience in safeguarding, regulation, and ethical decision-making - all of which are vital in ensuring high standards and student wellbeing.

My role as a lecturer has developed my understanding of education, curriculum delivery, assessment and tailoring learner support, enabling me to contribute meaningfully to discussions around teaching quality and academic outcomes.

Beyond my professional life, my hobbies include cooking and baking which I love and feeding my friends and family (which is always welcomed with open arms!).

I also love to travel and learn about new cultures both abroad and in the UK.

Without making this too long winded, I would love to be given the opportunity to become a school governor because I am passionate about education and would value the opportunity to support the school's strategic direction by lending my skills and experience.

In my opinion Cottingley Village Primary School already provides a high-quality and supportive learning environment, which is exactly why I would love to contribute to and be part of such a respected and thriving school community.

**Name – Vageha Ahmed**

Parent of – Hanifah Nauman

As a parent with child in year 2, I wish to contribute my personal and professional expertise to the governing body and the wider school community.

I possess a strong background in children and families, in various roles and settings. I'm currently working in a leadership role, working with a trauma-Informed approach and utilizing systemic practice training. This provides me with a unique lens to understand the diverse needs of our pupils and support the school's strategic direction.

I have sound and current knowledge of safeguarding and child protection procedures. Promoting the wellbeing and welfare of all children is a core principle of my professional and personal life.

I am a creative and solution-focused individual committed to being a supportive yet challenging "critical friend" to the leadership team. I am confident my skills will help the school maintain high standards and ensure every child thrives.



**Name – Afsa tanzila**

Parent of – Muhammad Sulayman Ajaib and Muhammad Dawood Haroon Ajaib

I would like to be nominated for the Parent Governor role because I am keen to gain experience and contribute to the school community. My children attend this school, and I feel strongly connected to its values. I enjoy helping others and would welcome the opportunity to support the school.

**Name – Mr Zackary Moss**

Parent of – Evelina Moss and Isabella Moss

I would like to apply for the position of Parent Governor. As a local resident and parent of two pupils at the school, I am enthusiastic about ensuring the children receive the highest standard of education and support. Working with the Academy's Governing Body, my aims as a governor would be to act as an advocate for children's education; to foster an inclusive environment for all children; and to increase parent engagement, promoting parent communication to deliver the school's aims and objectives.

I value the high standard of education the school provides to all children to promote their learning and development in preparation for life-long learning. The school must meet the needs of all children in an inclusive environment, so that all children feel welcome and safe in a friendly setting to achieve their full potential. Parent engagement is crucial to develop our children and ensure the school is effective.

Together with the other governors, I would work to support the staff in meeting the school's goals and future plans, while ensuring that high standards are maintained for the benefit of the community. Examples of when I have done this include acting as a student-tutor liaison officer and sitting on the student representative council whilst at university. During postgraduate study, I acted as a master's degree course representative and sat on the quality assurance panel for the academic department.

As an urgent care specialist paramedic, I sit on my NHS Trust's urgent care steering group, developing services to meet the needs of the community. I also function as clinical supervision facilitator and practice educator, supporting my peers. Through a two-year Primary Care rotation, I furthered my experience in children's health and development, safeguarding policies, and CAMHS. And I understand the importance of promoting the health and wellbeing of children through healthy living and exercise. I held roles as a supervisor and manager, overseeing service delivery, monitoring key performance indicators, and ensuring staff compliance. Roles in financial analysis, research and as a managing director developed my analytical-management skills, financial oversight, audit, employment law, compliance, and human resources.

Locally, I set up a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, consulting with residents and Shipley Councillors to promote road safety and tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB). I consulted with Councillors for the police to set up a speed watch initiative and increase police visibility in the area to improve road safety and reduce ASB. Previously, I was a motorcycle observer for the Institute of Advanced Motorists, providing advanced rider training to motorcyclists as part of the institute's aim to improve road safety. As such, I would be an advocate for the safety of our children through school initiatives.

My wife and I volunteer at Bradford's Ukrainian Club, where our girls attend Saturday school and dance class. I have helped source medical/first aid supplies for Ukrainian medics and am currently arranging defibrillator/basic life support training for committee members and volunteers. My interests include following current affairs, motorcycling, cycling, spinning, walking, travel, cooking, live music, as well as quality family time.

If I receive your vote, I will help support the school for the benefit of all our children and the community.