

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Statement in Support of Election

EASINGWOLD SCHOOL:

Name: Chris Gill

Age (s) of children) 13, 16, 17


Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

I would like to express my interest in becoming a parent governor for Easingwold School. My desire to contribute is long standing but I have never felt in a position to commit the time that I know will be required. Clearly being a parent governor is a privilege, and I'm sure the role is not without its challenges; but what's most important to me is being able to meet my commitments and to have the opportunity to contribute. I am now in position to do both and would like to be part of the stewardship and governance of the school. Our children's future rests in the hands of a few and I think the school needs as much support and assistance as possible during these transition years ahead. This is a time to pull together, to come together, and to help create the changes that we all so desperately want to see.

In terms of what I bring, or what value I may be able to add: objectivity, compassion, integrity, clarity, and tenacity are all words that others have used when describing the contributions I have made in other facets of life.

I have 25 years experience in the commercial world managing teams, running projects, organising and training. My knowledge or expertise is first and foremost with people, systems, process, and organisation. I have a first degree and Accounting and Finance, a Master's degree in Information Technology, and I am a Certified Professional Co-active Coach. I have spent much of my life in or around Education and training and I taught for Microsoft for 10 years as a Certified System Engineer and Microsoft Certified Trainer.

Perhaps what's more important than what I have done is why I think I would be able to contribute in the role of parent governor. My passion is helping people to find true value in their work, and to realise the impact they can have. Clearly the school has some challenges ahead and people need to work together to make the transition seamless and uplifting. I would like to contribute to any aspects of governorship particularly finding ways to ensure the transition is understood, communicated, inclusive, and motivating. I bring energy, integrity, and a sleeves up 'get on with it' approach. I don't image that being a parent governor is for the faint hearted, but having an opportunity to contribute to the wellbeing of the School, its staff, and the education of our children offers a real sense of community and a chance to give something back.



Signed: Date: 06-01-17

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EASINGWOLD SCHOOL:

Name: Christopher Platt Age (s) of children 14

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

My son Andrew joined the school in September 2016, following his brother before him. My wife, Rosemary and I have been impressed by many aspects of life at Easingwold School and we both care passionately about the education of young people. I would very much like to help take the school forward as it enters a new and challenging period of change.

Principally, I can offer the Governing Body my energy, enthusiasm and commitment, but I do also have some previous experience as a governor at two primary schools on Teesside. The understanding gained in previous roles has given me an insight into the kinds of demands that the role might make and the kinds of skills that would be needed.

I was one of the initial governors at one of the schools, again at a time of considerable change and development, so was involved in the recruitment of the first head teacher. I also helped write the first prospectus and assisted with a number of issues as the school was built, commissioned and we welcomed the first intake of students. I was also able to help by serving as Deputy Chair for a year.

In my time as governor, I made a point of visiting the school regularly, going into classes to see what the students were doing and taking time to hear from teachers how the governors could assist them. I learnt a lot through this face-to-face contact, which I hope helped me to see where the priorities for the governors lay.

During the day, I run an oil terminal on Teesside, where we import, blend and distribute diesel and petrol throughout the North of England. In this role, I'm pleased to say that we are regularly engaged in recruiting young people to bring fresh ideas and new ways of doing things into the business. It does mean that I understand something of what it takes to impress a modern employer. Obviously, this is one of the skills we as parents would hope students leaving Easingwold have gained. Employers are impressed by rounded young people, with academic qualifications of course, but also equipped with an inquiring mind and an eagerness to continue learning. My aim if elected as a parent governor would be to support the school to help the students develop to the fullest potential possible, so that each and every one of them is able to make a contribution to society.

I am also on the Board of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Centre at Middlesbrough College where I advise on curriculum content and industrial liaison matters.

I am very keen to help as the school enters a new and complex phase in its development. It is clear that this will pose many new challenges for the pupils, the management and its governors. I believe that ensuring our children receive an excellent education is the most important role of a parent. Engaging staff and parents to work with school management in a constructive, focused and efficient manner is paramount in all of this and I would like the chance to help with that.

Rosemary and I have lived in Tholthorpe for 9 years and now share the house with Andrew and four noisy, bouncy dogs. We are involved with the Village Hall Committee and the social life of the village. For two weeks every a year I can also be found in the village pantomime.

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Name: Adrian Richard Pomfret

Age (s) of children): 14 years

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

Currently I am acting as a community Governor with Clifton with Rawcliff Junior School and have doing so for over six years, continuing after my son moved up to Easingwold School.

Currently CwR is progressing to becoming an Academy School via choice and I along with a small committee from the Governing Body have been part of the team researching and developing the plans for the change.

At this time in Easingwold Schools development I hope that I will be able to use what we have learnt at CwR to assist with the developments at the school to add value to the process.

In my career I am a Senior Project Engineer with Siemens Rail Automation in York managing railway signalling projects throughout the country. I am a Chartered Engineer and hold membership with several Professional bodies through which I would like to look at forging links between the Engineering Community and the school. Siemens are currently supporting Queen Ethelburga's College with mentorship for students in Engineering Projects and competitions.

Signed: 

Date: 21/01/2017

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EASINGWOLD SCHOOL:

Name: DR DAVID TROSS Age (s) of children: 12

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

I am looking to join the Governors at Easingwold school for a number of reasons - my son, Luke, is in year 7 and just starting his journey with Easingwold; I am passionate about the role education plays in all our lives; and I think I have useful experience - I am in my 10th year as a Governor at Alne Primary school. While the challenges faced are very different, I feel I understand the role and responsibilities of a Governor and I am keen to bring that experience to the challenges and opportunities which face Easingwold school.

I work for a local building society as a technical project manager, and I'm used to handling complex issues in a tightly regulated environment.

Signed: 

Date: 12/1/17

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EASINGWOLD SCHOOL:

Name: Mr Joseph Taylor Age (s) of children) 12, 10

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

About me

46 year old father of two girls, Anna (year 7) and Sarah (year 6 - Alne).
Husband to Joanna. We all live in Aldwark with our dog, Maggie.

My industry background is business, IT systems, management and change. Up to summer 2016 I occupied various senior leadership and consulting roles within the software industry. Prior to that I was an investment accountant. Within my career I have worked extensively across the UK and globally. Today I am self-employed focussed on the family businesses and investments.

Why put myself forward?

With a daughter in Year 7 and another who will be in attendance September 2017 I am keen to contribute towards the schools success. I believe a school should be focussed on creating an environment capable of delivering positive educational and social outcomes to all pupils and the community as a whole.

What would I bring to the school?

I have relevant experiences and skills, importantly combined with the time and positivity to provide a constructive contribution to the school. Specifically, my career to date has been focussed on the practicalities of delivering best practices, value for money and organisational change. I have broad experiences working in, building and guiding teams. The work I delivered was mostly looking at the application of resources, systems and processes in smart ways to assure best value and desirable outcomes in the organisations I was working with. In addition, I'm highly social and have a strong sense of community.

Given the transition facing the school, I feel I can positively assist both directly and indirectly through my broad professional network.

Signed:



Date:

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EASINGWOLD SCHOOL:

Name: Elaine Walker

Age (s) of children: 14, 11 and 9

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

I am parent to three children, one in Year 9 at Easingwold School and two at Easingwold Primary School, so I have a long-term interest in supporting our school.

One of my children has special educational needs and, as a result, I have a keen interest in supporting and developing SEN provision. I have learnt to advocate effectively for my daughter at school and with other agencies and would hope to ensure parents are supported in this difficult task. For NYCC, I have been involved in delivering SEN training, contributed to SEN consultations and am a member of the SEN virtual reference group which is consulted on decisions affecting children and families.

Having children following typical academic routes and one needing a completely different educational experience gives me a broad perspective and determination that our school should value difference and meet the needs of all students.

At the primary school I have been an active fundraiser and PTA treasurer for nine years, helping secure significant investment in IT and iPads and recently helping win £10,000 of lottery funding for sports provision.

I have a career in business research and now run a small research consultancy which uses data, evidence and insight to help organisations make decisions about their future. We have worked with many education clients on issues like technology, curriculum design and innovation, assessments and qualifications, different kinds of learning, facilities management and responding to policy developments. This gives me relevant background knowledge and useful research and analysis skills that would help the governing body challenge and support school leaders or sponsors.

Since our school has been under an academy order I have tried to constructively ask questions, challenge decisions and shape a good outcome for our school. I would continue to do this through the governing body, and commit to supporting our school as positively and energetically as possible.

Signed:

Elaine Walker

Date:

13-1-17

North Yorkshire County Council

Election of Parent Governors

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Name: Mrs Fiona Wilcock

Ages of Children: 14 and 12 years

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

I have two children in Easingwold, in Yr7 and Yr9. I think these next few months will be challenging though an exciting time to be a Parent Governor. I would like to contribute positively to ensure that the school improves rapidly, implementing the issues raised by Ofsted, and supporting the next phase of our school's development.

In my profession as an Emergency Theatre Nurse I have some skills which will be beneficial to the role. I possess good communication skills and can work well under pressure as both an individual and as part of a team.

I'm a good listener and I'm not afraid to ask questions, I can maintain confidentiality and understand accountability.

My hours of work are flexible, allowing me to fully commit my time required to fulfil the role efficiently, such as attending courses and meetings.

I want Easingwold School to recapture its good reputation in the community, and to focus on the children's education and welfare.

I have experience of volunteering as Chair of our local Scouts Executive Committee (2015 to date), and in a previous role of the Chair of the Huby CE Primary School PTA (2007 to 2011).

I have had training in the safeguarding of children within my role as a nurse and understand the need for regular updates.

I am standing for election as Parent Governor as I believe I have the skills, time and desire to invest in the future of Easingwold School.

Fiona Wilcock

12/1/17

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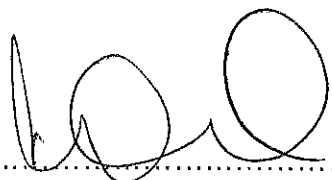
EASINGWOLD SCHOOL:

Name: RICHARD WOOD Age (s) of children: TWO

Experience and/or interests relevant to serving as a Governor:

IN TERMS OF MYSELF AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I AM A DIRECTOR OF A LOCAL FIRM OF SOLICITORS, WITH EXPERIENCE OF DEALING WITH HR ISSUES AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT / WORKING WITH AND SETTING BUDGETS. I HAVE TWO CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL IN YEARS 7 AND 10. MY WISH TO BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR FOLLOWS THE RECENT MEETINGS HELD BY THE SCHOOL REGARDING OUTWOOD ACADEMY TAKING OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL. I WAS APPALLED, BOTH AT MY LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S PERFORMANCE, AND ALSO AT THE SCHOOL'S RESULTS THEMSELVES, WHICH PAINTED A DEPRESSING PICTURE FOR PARENTS. AFTER THE MEETING I RESOLVED TO TAKE ACTION. IN MY VIEW THINGS MUST IMPROVE, AND THIS IMPROVEMENT MUST HAPPEN URGENTLY. I AM A STRONG ADVOCATE OF OUTWOOD ACADEMY TAKING OVER THE SCHOOL, AS A FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES, AND I AM STANDING FOR ELECTION AS PARENT GOVERNOR TO DO WHAT I CAN TO SPEED THIS PROCESS THROUGH

Signed:



Date:

9/1/17