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14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Election of Parent Governors – Parent Election Ballot**

I wrote to you recently, to invite you to consider standing for election as a parent governor of this school. Since then, there have been more nominations than vacancies, so we now need to hold a ballot (vote). There are two parent governor vacancies.

Attached to this letter is:

- a copy of the candidates' personal statement
- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)

Each eligible parent/carers is entitled to **one vote for each vacancy**, irrespective of the number of children you have at the School.

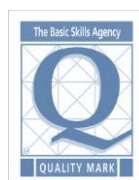
Completed ballot papers should be returned to the School no later than **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** (10 school days from the date of this letter).

Please be aware, that failure to submit your ballot (voting) paper in the following way, may result in your vote not being counted:

- Ballot papers should be returned in a sealed envelope
- The envelope should clearly be marked with:
  - 'Parent Governor Election'
  - the name and address of the voter
  - the name(s) of the voter's child(ren)
  - the voter's signature across the seal

Failure to do so may result in your vote not being counted.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.





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When the ballot (vote) has been completed, I will write to you again to let you know the outcome

If you require envelopes for the ballot, please contact the school office.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact Mrs Julie Roe, Governance Professional to The Discovery School Governing Body

[cgovernors@discovery.kent.sch.uk](mailto:cgovernors@discovery.kent.sch.uk)

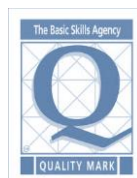
Yours sincerely,

Miss T Gobell  
Headteacher/Returning Officer

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## The Discovery School Parent Election - Ballot Form May 2025.

### Election of Parent Governors

There are **two vacancies** for parent governors.

You may vote for **two** candidates - but not more than one vote for each candidate.

### Candidates:

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### Ballot - Parent Governors - (Insert school name here prior to printing)

Candidate	You are allowed a maximum of 2 votes Mark 1 'X' only in 2 of the boxes below This will indicate your 2 votes
Sarah BRETT	
Steve CLACK	
Leanne EDWARDS	
Conor TOBIN	





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## **The Discovery School Parent Election - Ballot Form May 2025.** **Candidates Personal Statements**

### **Sarah BRETT**

With over a decade of experience working within schools, and the last two years dedicated to supporting Kent schools with their IT infrastructure, I believe my expertise would be a valuable asset to the school. My understanding of educational environments, coupled with technical insight, equips me to contribute meaningfully to the school's continued success.

I am committed to fostering an educational environment where every student can excel, develop their potential and feel inspired. As a governor, I would bring dedication, strategic thinking, and a collaborative mindset to support the school in achieving its vision. Drawing on my experience in problem-solving and decision making, I aim to address challenges effectively and shape policies that prioritise students.

My motivation stems from a passion for inclusivity and the well-being of all members of the school community. I firmly believe that education extends beyond academics; it is about nurturing values, creativity, and resilience to prepare young minds for the future. By engaging with staff, parents, and fellow governors, I would ensure the school offers exceptional opportunities for growth.

I also place great importance on open communication and teamwork, recognising that success lies in collective effort. I am eager to provide constructive feedback, participate in discussions, and play an active role in decisions that shape the school's direction. As a governor, my goal is to support the school's mission, empower students, and enhance the educational experience for all, laying the groundwork for a brighter future.

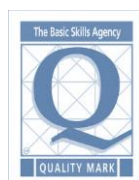
### **Steve CLACK**

I value greatly that my children have the opportunity to attend The Discovery School, a school rated Outstanding. All interactions with the school are positive and I would take great pride in being able to support and contribute to building on this culture with the school team. For 3 years I have held the role of treasurer on the PTA, attending many of the events. I believe combining this role with the role of Governor will help drive a joined up strategy.

Professionally I hold a Senior Commercial role at a large Global business and believe these transferrable skills will aid the school in building long term strategy and continuing to build on its current success.

I have a keen interest in health & wellness, in particular nutrition and would like to be part of creating a healthier food environment at school for all our children.

I would also like to support the school with providing a parent's perspective to ensure we continue to build on the strong culture.





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### **Leanne EDWARDS**

Hello, I am Leanne, a full-time working mum living in Kings Hill with 2 boys at Discovery, one in EYFS and the other in Year 3.

Choosing The Discovery School for my boys was the best decision my husband and I could have made, and the supportive, inclusive environment is enabling them to thrive. I want to become a Parent Governor to uphold these qualities for present and future parents of Discovery School children and support the school in achieving further excellence and ensuring standards are maintained.

I work in the consumer goods industry as a Supply Chain Manager, with extensive prior experience in Customer Business Manager positions responsible for sales, finance, and performance management. A significant aspect of my career has been building relationships and collaborating with businesses to design and implement strategic plans, as well as establishing and maintaining efficient teams in challenging business conditions.

I believe that the expertise I have gained professionally, coupled with my passion for people and dedication to individual and collective successes, equips me to make a substantial contribution to The Discovery School's governing body as an effective and impartial Parent Governor.

It would be my honour to represent all parents as a Parent Governor, and hope that my application will be successful.

### **Conor TOBIN**

I am passionate about learning and believe that a school should be a safe place to encourage, challenge and inspire children. Discovery does just that. I'd love the opportunity to support you in your continued success, and believe my professional experience in the financial world would be valuable to the governing body.

I count myself blessed that all 3 of my children had the opportunity to attend Discovery. My eldest two boys are now thriving at secondary school, due to the educational foundation they received in primary. My daughter (in year 3) grows in confidence by the day, thanks to the caring teachers and the values lived at the school.

As a chartered accountant and a tax director at an international firm, I could provide financial knowledge as well as business acumen. My experience leading global teams and projects has taught me to collaborate and communicate effectively, whilst defining and executing strategies. I hope these skills could enable me to make a meaningful impact and contribution as a parent governor.





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Outside of work, I've had the honour of coaching my son's team at KHFC for the last 4 years. It has been wonderful seeing the children improve and grow over that time, and to be able to support out local community.

My wife works at Discovery, so I see firsthand how passionate the staff are, and would welcome the chance to support them and the school.

Thank you for considering me for this role.

