



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 – 8AM-7PM**

**Please see below statements from our 3 candidates. Voting takes place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March between 8am and 7pm**

**NAME:** Tim Part

**CHILD'S CLASS:** Amelia in Year 1

Put simply, I think Kilmorie is a great school and I want to do all that I can to help it maintain its standards, and to help it get even better over the next four years and beyond.

I believe that well-governed schools which place themselves at the heart of their community will become increasingly important. Given current trends, ensuring that our children become good citizens, with a strong sense of responsibility for the community, will become even more essential to their own happiness and that of their generation as a whole.

My professional background is in strategic consulting and regulatory policy; in simple terms, working out what might happen in the future and deciding what to do now and next to ensure sustainable success. On a personal front, I have always enjoyed taking on roles in the community, be that running cricket clubs or serving on the committee for the Friends of Blythe Hill Fields, including putting on the annual festival, as I currently do.

It would be a great honour to graduate to the role of parent governor and I would approach it with all my usual rigour, passion and sense of humour. But, more than anything, I am a proud father to Amelia (Treefrogs – if you haven't met her, chances are you have heard her in the playground at some point...) and Hugh (joining the nursery in September and due to start in a reception class in 2018). With so many years of being a Kilmorie parent still to come, I am determined to do all I can to give my children – and yours – the best start in life.

If you have any questions, please do come and find me near the Treefrogs class door; I will be dropping off and picking up at the 9am / 3.30pm slots on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for your time, and for your consideration as a recipient of your vote.

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**Thomas Hall**  
**Candidate Statement for Parent Governor**  
**Kilmore Primary School**

Hi. My name is Tom, and I'm standing for the role of parent governor at Kilmore. My wife Lucy and I have two children at the school - Eden (Year 2) and Benny (Nursery) - plus little Emilia, a future Kilmore Kid.

Originally from the US, I moved to the UK in 2009, and to Forest Hill in 2014. Prior to this, I lived in Australia, Egypt, Mexico and Brazil.

Professionally, I am a product manager for digital software. Basically, that means I figure out what problems people have, identify technology that can solve those problems, and lead teams in building it. I currently work for the UK's Government Digital Service, and have previously worked at the BBC, HSBC, and start-ups.

**Why I'm Standing**

- I want to help our children get an education that enables them to reach their potential
- Our family respects and admires Kilmore School, and we want to support its progress
- I'm worried about the impact of budget cuts and regulation
- The past year has shown how important it is for each of us to get more involved in our community
- In Year 6 I had a teacher who really helped me grow, not just academically but as a person - so I know first hand the huge difference a supportive school environment can make

**Why You Might Vote for Me**

- I will advocate for the views of all parents. That includes supporting school leadership, and constructively challenging it
- I will try to use my background and contacts in technology to benefit the school and students
- I have experience managing budgets and will look to help with finances
- Because I've lived in several different countries, I may bring a different and multicultural perspective to challenges facing the school

**Why You Might Vote for Another Candidate**

- I have little experience in education, other than many years ago at an educational technology start-up
- I haven't been heavily involved at school to this point, and other candidates may have done more to earn the privilege of being parent governor
- I currently work full time, so other candidates with fewer commitments may have more time to put into the role

## HELEN GRIFFIES STATEMENT

I am standing for election as a parent governor because I am a mum to 2 girls, both at Kilmorie: Anna in Year 2 and Eliza in Pre-School. I have lived very close to the school for over 15 years, and feel very much a part of the local community in our part of SE23.

As a parent at the school for the past few years, I have great respect and admiration for the staff team at Kilmorie, and support the creativity, ethos and direction that makes our school such a success for all of our children's academic, personal and social development. I believe that Kilmorie is a unique school; and I would if elected, continue to encourage a direction, which in the midst of many challenges in current educational policy, never stops putting the Kilmorie child first.

When not looking after Anna and Eliza, I work part-time as a Consultant Clinical & Forensic Psychologist in a local NHS Trust, within Forensic Mental Health Services. My role often involves addressing the consequences of early trauma and social inequality, and I am therefore a passionate advocate of inclusiveness, early intervention and the provision of the 'right support at the right time' so that every individual can fulfil their potential. I am also a qualified Restorative Justice Practitioner, and strongly believe in the power of restorative conversations in dealing with conflict and achieving positive resolutions. I would be interested in further developing restorative justice principles within our school environment to aid our children's social learning and personal development.

Within my NHS role, I am also the NHS Trust's Lead for Research & Development, which involves me undertaking strategy development, ensuring national research targets are attained, monitoring and overseeing a significant budget, utilisation of data to drive service development and quality improvement, and overseeing governance issues; all skills which I believe will be helpful to fulfil the role of parent governor. The National Health Service, has over the past 5 years, endured the kind of financial pressures that Education is now currently facing. Consequently, I am not unfamiliar with the need to defend our public services and I have experience of being involved in difficult discussions about resource allocation, whilst always ensuring that the welfare and needs of my patients, or if elected to this role – our children, remain at the centre of any decision-making processes.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement. I look forward to representing your voice, as fellow parents, on the governing body if elected.