

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to advise you that there were more nominations than vacancies for the recently advertised post of local parent governor. Therefore, a ballot will take place.

## How to vote:

Please read the supporting statements below and [follow this link](#) or scan the QR code below to place your vote for the candidate of your choice.



- Only parents/carers of registered pupils at the school are eligible to vote.
- Each parent/carer is entitled to complete one vote (irrespective of the number of children at the academy).

The ballot link will close at 12pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

If you are unable to access the online ballot paper, please request a paper ballot from the school office. **Your ballot paper must be returned in a sealed envelope for the attention of the head teacher, no later than 12 noon on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The name of the voter must not be written on the envelope.**

All envelopes will be placed in a sealed ballot box

The ballots will be counted after 12pm on 5<sup>th</sup> December and the results of the ballot will be publicised immediately after the count.

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Paul Hopkins	<p>I am a senior manager for both Dorset Healthcare &amp; BCP Council, where my role sees me operationally responsible for the delivery of the statutory duties within Adult Social Care and the safe treatment of Adults under the framework of the Mental Health Act across my portfolio.</p> <p>I am a qualified and registered Social Worker and an Approved Mental Health Practitioner. I am accustomed to making difficult decisions, whether in the interest of the person or the wider public. I am responsible for undertaking senior decisions in relation to employment matters including disciplinary &amp; grievance investigations. I am also responsible for the operational budgets across my portfolio.</p> <p>With a background carved from a number of years in statutory Child Protection Social Work, together with my partner we are also regulated Foster Carers for BCP Council, skills and values I feel align with the role of a Parent Governor.</p>

Victoria Buckland  
Headteacher

Hannah Hancock  
Chair of Hill View Primary Academy Local Governing Body

## OFFICIAL BALLOT PAPER – ELECTION OF LOCAL PARENT GOVERNOR(S)

Number of votes available per parent – **ONE**



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