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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you on 16th January to invite nominations for a parent governor. I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are two candidates for the one vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

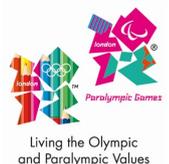
Please see below a copy of the personal statements from the candidates:

Crispin Alexander

I grew up at Castle Farm, Shoreham, and then pursued an enthusiasm for Science at university and continued with a PhD in Dublin in Biochemistry and Virology. By 2014 I couldn't resist being drawn back to the farm and, with my family, I now manage many of its diverse operations. My two children, Adelaide (Palmer, Year 2) and Rowan (Barton), have thrived since their first day at Shoreham school and I recognise and appreciate the personal care and attention that they have received throughout from every member of staff. Since the start of their education, it's become apparent to me how central the school is to the village community, due in no small part to the dedication and diligence of the governing body and school management team. Therefore, I would appreciate the opportunity to join this Governing Board; I would aim to uphold the high standards already set and to ensure that the school provides a stimulating, safe, supporting and well-rounded environment for the education of its students. I hope that my analytical skills from my science background, management experience from the farm and emotional experience from being a parent would combine well to achieve this aspiration.

Tom Powell

Hi, I'm Tom, father to Albie and Daisy, and many of you will know my wife Lydia. I started my first business at 20, which at its peak employed 25 people and still operates today. Alongside this, I manage a commercial property portfolio and run a small cattle farm with my wife. Through this I've developed strong skills in organisation, problem-solving, budgeting and long-term planning. I'm a motivated and practical person who enjoys getting things done and supporting others. I have a good understanding of finances and decision-making, and I'm comfortable taking responsibility where needed. I've always taken an interest in the school and regularly support Lydia with PTA activities and behind-the-scenes tasks. I also helped with Shorefest, put up fencing and gates around the pond to help keep children safe, donated picnic benches for the playground and helped run the first Sports Day BBQ by cooking the pre ordered food. As Lydia steps down as chair of the PTA I'm keen to continue supporting the school in a practical and positive way. I would welcome the opportunity to become more involved by contributing to the governing body, helping support the school's continued development and working collaboratively to make positive improvements for pupils, staff and families. Thank you for considering my nomination.



You may vote for one of the candidates. Each parent can submit one electronic ballot paper. You should vote by ticking your chosen candidate on the google voting form: <https://forms.gle/mfYsikri5yEmefwb8>

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

When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If you have any queries in the meantime, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Gillian Lovatt-Young

