



To Parents at Birch Hill Primary School

January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the recent request for nominations for a Parent SAB member, I am pleased to confirm that we have received two nominations and therefore we will now hold a ballot. This will take place between Friday 17th January and Friday 31st January 2025.

Overleaf are personal statements of the candidates, the ballot will be held electronically via Microsoft Forms.

Each parent is entitled to vote **once**, regardless of how many children they have at the school. A "parent" for the purposes of Parent SAB member elections is defined as any individual person having a parental responsibility for, or care of, a child attending the school. Please complete the online form **once** for each parent, ensuring the parent's name and child's name and year group are included.

The form can be accessed at: <https://forms.office.com/e/P1bhYbPPjd>

If you have any problems accessing or completing the form, please contact j.hodgson1@maidenerleghtrust.org

The ballot will close **at 3pm on Friday 31st January 2025**. The counting of votes will then take place and candidates and parents will be notified of the results.

Yours Sincerely

Jane Hodgson
Clerk to the School Advisory Board, Birch Hill Primary School

Voting Instructions for parent member of the School Advisory Board

- Each parent / carer is entitled to ONE vote.
- Voting closes **3pm on Friday 31st January 2025.**
- Please read the below statements from the three candidates.
- Please vote for **ONE** candidate only, completing all details on the online form.
- Link to form: <https://forms.office.com/e/P1bhYbPPjd>

Candidate Statements

Candidate	Personal Statement
Christopher Moore	<p>As the Risk Management Development Director. I have experience in fire safety as well as health and safety within schools. I want to use my learned experiences to support Birch Hill and complement the community.</p> <p>With my child being at the school I want to give back to the community in the best ways that I can to make sure this school continues to be the centre of development for many years to come.</p> <p>I am passionate about fostering a collaborative environment where educators, parents, and community members work together to achieve the best possible educational experience for all students.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to working with the community, collaborating and supporting our children.</p>
Christian Schweizer	<p>Living a stone's throw away from Birch Hill Primary School, and as a parent of a pupil there, it would be a privilege to be able to contribute to the school's growth as part of the School Advisory Board.</p> <p>Though I have no direct experience in the education field, I work for a global research and communications agency providing data and insights to government departments and public agencies. Using my working background, I'd welcome the chance to provide a fresh perspective to the SAB. To my mind, this would involve working as a team to troubleshoot challenges as well as to celebrate and communicate successes effectively to a wider community.</p> <p>As a Birch Hill parent, I know that effective communication and engagement between the school and its stakeholders is key. I'm willing to help in any way that I can to strengthen that engagement.</p>