

Tracey Jopson

School Governor Candidate

Hello my name is Tracey Jopson. I wish to stand for the position of Parent Governor as I am passionate about the standard of education our children receive. I want to do my bit to ensure that our young people have access to as many opportunities as possible, in a safe, positive learning environment that encourages them to grow, develop and reach their full potential and go on to be successful contributors to our community and society as a whole.

I am Manx and a former pupil of St. Ninian's and Park Road, as it was then; attending between 1982 and 1985 so I am, what you may call, an old girl. I currently have one child at this school in Year 8 and my youngest child will be joining the school in September 2019.

In 1988 I left the island to join the Metropolitan Police force as a Police Constable, before going on to become a specialist fraud investigator for a major insurance company. However, when my eldest son was born, I gave up my career to become a full time mum. When my second child started school, I started to volunteer my time in school, as a parent helper, going on to help with reading, literacy, mathematics etc.

I returned to the island nearly 4 years ago to be with my family and I now work part time in an administration role. In my spare time I still volunteer my services as a parent helper at my younger child's school. I have also recently completed my level 3 Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development, as I have a particular interest in learning how best to support children and young people's needs and overcoming barriers to learning. I am on the Dept. of Education, Sport & Culture's (DESC) relief list for SESO's and I have undergone an enhanced CRB check which is current. I am fully aware of, and compliant with, both the School's policies and procedures, and those of DESC.

The security and safety of our children and young people is of utmost importance to me and I appreciate the need for confidentiality, particularly in situations which could be difficult or sensitive. I am aware of and fully compliant with current Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies.

I have personally had to deal with many of the problems and challenges that our young people can face and as such I have built up, what I believe to be, an excellent working relationship with the School and several members of staff. I would hope to continue to build upon this if I am elected.

I genuinely believe that the education of our young people does not lie solely with the school and its teaching staff but with us and the community as a whole too. I believe that it is vitally important for the future of our young people that we all come together and work together to make our shared goals and aims a reality. I am not afraid to stand up and challenge a decision if, as a parent of a child at this school, I believe that a decision may not be in the best interests of the school or its pupils.

I want to help make mine and your children's time at this school the best that it can possibly be.

Thank you

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Catherine White

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Fulfilling the role of a school governor is a serious undertaking. The relevant skills and knowledge which have been accumulated through firstly running my family business and subsequently running my own management company, would be used in any decision making process that I would be part of.

Having a small part in contributing to the continued growth and development of St. Ninians and seeing tangible improvements in the attainment and especially the wellbeing of the students would allow me to make a satisfying and important contribution to our local community. As a former pupil, this means a great deal to me.

I understand the need to work as a team member but also to be a source of challenge and support to Mr. Coole our Head by being his "critical friend".

My first and main aim is to concentrate on the best interests of the pupils.

A further aim is to be considered by Parents/Guardians as one of their channels for communicating concerns to the head teacher and staff. Any concerns would be discussed privately with the staff member and/or head.

Another important aim is to have an open, honest and constructive working relationship with the staff.

Finally, I promise to act fairly and without any prejudice as well as being mindful of the responsibility in maintaining and developing the ethos and reputation of our school.

A little background about me-My only child, Charlotte is in year 11, which is an especially important year, for the IGCSE's.

My Profession is Optometry. I'm a consultant Optometrist at Boots Opticians in town. In the past, I have been President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a North West Area Board Representative for Junior Achievement, Governor for the Isle of Man Business School, Manx Blind Welfare Board Member and a 4/40 Small Business Winner.

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