



PARENT GOVERNOR – BALLOT PAPER

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Monday 22nd April 2024

Birkwood Primary School Governing Body

Set out below are the nominations received for the Parent Governor vacancy on the School Governing Body.

- Each parent is entitled to vote for **One** candidate.

Please place a **CROSS** in the box opposite the name of the candidate of your choice.

Information prepared by each candidate is included below.

The ballot paper should be returned to School by hand or post by:

Monday, 29th April 2024 at 4 pm.

Please ensure that:

- The ballot paper is sealed inside the envelope provided marked - 'Ballot Paper'
- Please ensure that your signature is on the outside of the envelope

Please note

- Only ballot papers bearing a cross will be accepted and counted as a vote.
- Ballot papers received after the above date and time will be invalid.

Counting of votes

- In the event of a tie, the votes are recounted. If they are still equal, it is left to the toss of a coin.

Mr. Daniel Wood
Headteacher

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BIRKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

NOMINATIONS

Please vote for ONE candidate by placing a cross in the box next to your choice.

NAME OF CANDIDATE	Craig Beckett	
NAME OF CANDIDATE	Lee Thickett	

Craig Beckett – Information

As a passionate advocate for education and community engagement, I am honoured to submit my application for the role of Birkwood primary school governor. With a deep-rooted commitment to the development of our community and a wealth of experience in running a company, I am eager to contribute to the governing body's mission of providing the highest quality education and support to our children.

I recognise the importance of continuously developing the skills necessary to be an effective governor, and I am dedicated to undertaking any necessary training or learning opportunities to enhance my capabilities in this role. I understand that effective governance requires a wide range of skills, including strategic planning, financial oversight, and collaboration with Governors, staff, families and the wider community. I am committed to developing these skills to serve the school and its community to the best of my ability.

With my experience in running a company, I bring a valuable perspective to the governing body, particularly in terms of financial management and strategic decision-making. I am well-versed in budgeting, financial planning, and resource allocation, skills that I believe will be invaluable in assisting the governing body in ensuring the school's financial stability and sustainability. Additionally, my experience in leadership and organisational management equips me with the ability to contribute effectively to the governance structure of the school.

Furthermore, I am deeply committed to giving back to the community that has given so much to me and my family. The Beckett Family has a longstanding history of work in Barnsley and Cudworth, and I am proud to continue this tradition by dedicating my time and efforts to supporting the education and development of our children. I believe that every child deserves access to a high-quality education, and I am eager to work collaboratively with the governing body to ensure that our school provides a nurturing and enriching environment for all families and school staff.

In summary, I am fully committed to serving as a Birkwood governor and to using my existing skills and experience to contribute positively to the school. I am excited about the opportunity to work alongside fellow governors, school staff, parents, and the wider community to support the continued success and growth of our school. Thank you for considering my application.

Lee Thickett – Information

As a parent at Birkwood for the last 5/6 years with a further 6 years ahead of me, I'm keen to offer my skill set to help Birkwood, especially during its growth stage.

My experience and skills have developed through being an RAF veteran, serving 5 years in the Police, plus working in the recycling industry for 17 years, currently employed with The Recycling Association. I am also a section assistant with Lundwood 33rd Scouts group based in Cudworth.

In that time I have help build and grow a startup company, designed the website and created documents and contracts.

I create the budget, deal with invoicing and manage P & L's. I also undertake company marketing primarily on LinkedIn.

I have 10 years + experience of working with Local Authorities in waste and recycling.

I have 3 years helping with Scouts group, attending overnight camps and weekly meetings, this has opened my eyes to child development. We are a very diverse group with many SEND children, diverse upbringings plus two sets of twins!

As part of this role I've had to undertake many training sessions so I'm more than happy to accommodate training where possible.