

Name of candidate	Candidate Statement
Cerelle Keenan	<p>I was a member of Greythorn’s committee for over a year and was very committed and dedicated.</p> <p>Personal circumstances meant I was unable to continue but I have always continued to support the school fully and always take part in any trips and activities. I believe I have a great deal to offer in this role.</p>
Sarah O’Connor	<p>I am a registered manager for a domiciliary care company and have been a registered manager for 15 years.</p> <p>My professional role includes working with many people, often resolving conflicts, supporting disabled individuals, ensuring safety of all.</p> <p>I am also an excellent communicator and am able to work under pressure, I can prioritise my workload to ensure smooth running of the business.</p> <p>Once a month, I volunteer for a charity that supports sex workers on the streets of Nottingham. This enables me to give something back to my local community and feel like I am making a difference.</p> <p>I am a married mother of 3 children, one now an adult with a home of her own.</p> <p>In my spare time I attend my local church which is important to me.</p> <p>In the past I was the chair of the primary schools charity run friends of the school group.</p> <p>I have also been the secretary of our local community group. I am familiar with various leadership roles in different area so have experience of managing groups of people. Within my professional tole, I am able to challenge others and reach a positive outcome for all. I am familiar with safeguarding policies and procedures. I am also familiar with how to strategically improve standards following inspections from CQC who monitor the quality of our services.</p> <p>The education, health and welfare of children is also important to me and I would strive to achieve the best for the pupils of the school.</p> <p>Having one son in year 8 and a daughter due to start in 2025, I would be committed to the 4 years if I was successful.</p>
Alastair Waite	<p>I am writing to express my interest in the position of School Parent Governor at The West Bridgford School. As a parent of a new Year 7 student, I am excited by the prospect of being involved with her educational journey and that of her peers. With over 30 years of experience in the fashion industry, I have proven track record of leadership and team collaboration. I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to the governance of your school. My career has been marked by a commitment to excellence, innovation, and sustainability, and I am eager to bring these values to the role of School Parent Governor.</p> <p>For the past five years I have been Head of Year 1 for the Fashion Management course at Nottingham Trent University. In this capacity, I have demonstrated strong leadership skills,</p>

overseeing the academic and personal development of a diverse cohort of students. My role has required me to manage a team of lecturers and support staff, ensuring that we deliver a high-quality educational experience. I have been responsible for curriculum development, student welfare, and the implementation of innovative teaching methods. My leadership has been characterized by a collaborative approach, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where both staff and students can thrive. I also work on linking further education to higher education across Nottinghamshire and the rest of the UK, scaffolding a success for all approach.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working in international locations, which has given me a unique perspective on global cultures and practices. Living and working abroad has enriched my understanding of different educational systems and has equipped me with the skills to navigate and respect cultural diversity. This global outlook has been invaluable in my role at Nottingham Trent University, where I have worked with students from all over the world. I believe that my ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds will be a significant asset in the role of School Parent Governor.

In addition to my academic leadership, I have extensive experience in budget management. At Nottingham Trent University, I have been responsible for managing the budget for the Fashion Management course, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently and effectively. My approach to budget management is strategic and forward-thinking, always looking for ways to optimize spending while maintaining the highest standards of education. I am committed to transparency and accountability in financial matters, and I believe that these principles are essential for effective governance.

A key focus throughout my career has been on sustainability and well-being. In the fashion industry, I have been an advocate for sustainable practices, promoting the use of eco-friendly materials and ethical production methods. At Nottingham Trent University, I have integrated sustainability into the curriculum, encouraging students to consider the environmental and social impacts of their work. I am passionate about fostering a culture of well-being, both for students and staff, and I have implemented initiatives to support mental health and work-life balance. I believe that a focus on sustainability and well-being is crucial for the long-term success of any organization, and I am committed to promoting these values as a School Parent Governor.

As a lifelong learner, I am always looking to improve my personal skills and to influence and develop the team around me. I have pursued professional development opportunities throughout my career, staying current with industry trends and best practices. I believe that continuous learning is essential for effective leadership, and I am dedicated to fostering a culture of growth and development within the organizations I serve. My approach to leadership is inclusive and empowering, encouraging team members to take initiative and to contribute their unique perspectives and talents.

In conclusion, I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a School Parent Governor and to contribute to the governance of The West Bridgford School. My extensive experience in the fashion industry, combined with my academic leadership at Nottingham Trent University, has equipped me with the skills and insights needed to make a meaningful impact, be a critical friend to the school and challenge when required. I am committed to promoting excellence, sustainability, and well-being, and I am eager to bring these values to the role of School Parent

	<p>Governor. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the success of your children and school.</p>
<p>Bushra Wasty</p>	<p>I am writing to express my keen interest in becoming a Parent Governor at West Bridgford School. As a resident of West Bridgford since 2011, my children have been born into the community and have attended nursery and school in the area. I have a deep-rooted connection to the school community and a genuine passion for ensuring the best possible outcomes for all students, especially for students with special needs as I am a parent of a child who requires SEND support.</p> <p>My journey as a parent has been marked by a decade of stay-at-home motherhood, during which I have honed essential skills that I believe would be invaluable in a Parent Governor role. These skills include:</p> <p>Empathy and understanding: My experiences as a parent have cultivated a deep empathy for the challenges and joys of family life, particularly when it comes to helping children flourish. This understanding allows me to connect with parents from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, creating a sense of community and support.</p> <p>Strong communication skills: I have developed excellent communication skills through my interactions with my child, teachers, SEND support staff and other parents. I am confident in my ability to listen attentively, express myself clearly, and build positive relationships.</p> <p>Problem-solving and adaptability: Parenting a neurodiverse child has taught me the importance of problem-solving, adaptability, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and a willingness to think outside the box. These skills have equipped me to navigate challenges with resilience and find creative solutions.</p> <p>Organisation and time management: Balancing the demands of motherhood with various responsibilities has refined my organisational and time management skills. I am committed to fulfilling the duties of a Parent Governor diligently and effectively.</p> <p>In recent years, I have transitioned into a freelance copywriter and digital marketer without previous experience of the industry. This role has allowed me to develop additional skills that would be beneficial in a governance capacity, such as:</p> <p>Critical thinking and analysis: My work as a copywriter and digital marketer requires me to quickly analyse information, identify trends, and make informed decisions. These skills would be invaluable in evaluating the school's performance and identifying areas for improvement.</p> <p>Strategic planning: I have experience in developing and implementing strategic plans to achieve specific goals to meet the needs of a variety of clients. This skill set would be applicable in contributing to the school's long-term vision and objectives.</p> <p>Skill development: Going from being a parent at home to working in digital marketing means I've been through a steep learning curve to build my knowledge and skills of the industry. Just as I have to stay up to date with an industry that's changing every minute, I am more than willing to improve my skill set as a parent governor and work on my understanding in required areas that would be of benefit to the role and to the school.</p> <p>As a Parent Governor, I am committed to:</p> <p>Bring a parental perspective: I will strive to advocate for the needs of students within the</p>

	<p>governing body from a parent’s perspective.</p> <p>Promoting a positive and inclusive school culture: I will work to create a welcoming and supportive environment for all students, staff, and parents.</p> <p>Ensuring high standards of education: I will support the school's efforts to provide a quality education that meets the needs of all students.</p> <p>Building strong partnerships: I will work with the headteacher, staff, and other governors to build strong partnerships and achieve shared goals.</p> <p>Ultimately, my goal is to help The West Bridgford School to continue to provide a supportive environment where all students, including those with special needs, can flourish as they go through school life.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my candidacy for Parent Governor.</p>
Beverley Bailey	<p>I would like to put myself forward to be considered for the role of Governor at West Bridgford School. With my background in project and event management, along with my experience in customer-facing roles, I feel I could bring useful skills and fresh perspectives to the board.</p> <p>Over the past 7 years, I have worked as an Event/Project Manager, which has given me strong organisational skills and the ability to manage complex tasks while keeping things on track and to a high standard. I am also the current Chair of the Wilford Residents Association and founder of the Wilford Hill Run Club; therefore, I am used to collaborating with people from all walks of life and getting involved in the community, but most importantly – I enjoy it!</p> <p>One of my strengths is networking, and I have built solid relationships with both individuals and businesses, which has helped me in both my professional and personal life. I am a naturally curious person, and always ask questions to make sure everything is fully understood. I also like to hold people accountable and ensure that tasks which are set are completed well and on time.</p> <p>I am always keen to keep learning and developing new skills, and I would be more than happy to take on the responsibilities of a Governor, including attending meetings as needed.</p> <p>Thank you for considering me. I would love the opportunity to chat further and explore how I can contribute to the school should I be shortlisted.</p>
Adnan Sethi	<p>I am an experienced consultant within the Education and Social Care sector and have over a decade of experience in recruitment.</p> <p>I primarily work with Children and Young People residential care providers nationally with a strong presence in Nottinghamshire and provide staffing and recruiting solutions to care providers. I am also a member of the Nottingham Care Association.</p> <p>Our commitment is to better the lives of children and young people by connecting the best personnel in the sector to help mentor, develop and support Children and Young People to improve and better their respective outcomes.</p> <p>I am always willing to further develop myself and learn new skills. I have always been a good listener and communicator with a clear focus on providing solutions in my area of expertise.</p> <p>I work as a Director for a consultancy in West Bridgford and would be happy to commit my time</p>

	<p>and efforts to achieving better outcomes for the pupils of the school.</p> <p>As a member of the local community I am keen to bring a parental perspective to the board by connecting with locals and sharing the insights.</p> <p>My daughter and nieces study in the West Bridgford Comprehensive School and I myself along with several of my family members have also studied here. I have a strong attachment to the school and would be honoured to be considered for the opportunity.</p>
Assia Saqib	<p>I believe myself to be an effective and ensuring to contribute meaningfully to the school's success and welfare of its students.</p> <p>I believe myself to have the following qualities which will be beneficial for the role of a parent governor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great communication skills Teamwork and collaborating Committed and dedicated Empathetic and understanding <p>I would be honored to serve as a Parent Governor and would dedicate my time and energy to this important role.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my application.</p>
Karen Jones	<p>I have lived in West Bridgford for over 20 years and have a son and daughter in Year 10.</p> <p>I am passionate about ensuring all children have access to opportunities. In my role in construction we provide work experience for young people and a full range of training programmes from craft apprenticeships for 18 year olds through to post graduate professional programmes. This has given me an insight into the qualifications landscape and key safeguarding issues.</p> <p>I have a particular interest in inclusivity and have done a lot of work in promoting careers for women in Construction and Engineering and also serve as a Trustee for YouthBuild UK who work with employers and young people to support social mobility through careers.</p> <p>Having previously served as a Governor for an FE college and seen the positive impact a committed governing body can have on the organisation I would welcome the opportunity to help support the WBS.</p>
Claire Hughes	<p>I am driven by a strong sense of community and a desire to make The West Bridgford School the best it can possibly be for all children.</p> <p>With two boys in school years 7 and 10, I'm invested in the continuous improvement of the school and as a critical friend, I would look to hold the leadership team to account providing supportive challenge, always leading with curiosity, and ensuring the children are at the heart of each decision.</p>

My experience of governance at both West Bridgford Infant School, where I have been fortunate to hold the position of chair since 2022, and as a co-opted governor at West Bridgford Junior School since 2019, is extensive and I would relish the opportunity to share that knowledge and better understand KS3 and beyond.

My link roles across the schools include Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Appraisal, Pay Committee and School Improvement. Drawing experience from my working life and undertaking training to ensure I'm familiar with education specific policy, I have worked with the schools to ensure all requirements are met.

In the past year, recent changes at West Bridgford Infant School have demanded significant input from my role including guiding the board through an Ofsted inspection, being involved in staff recruitment, budget scrutiny and most challenging but ultimately rewarding, helping to broker a formal collaboration between West Bridgford Infant & Junior schools. This required working with a variety of partners within Notts County Council but also a significant exploration of our vision and values to understand the needs of our children, staff, and broader community to ensure we could implement the very best solution.

I'm passionate about the impact of community involvement and a more holistic approach to our children's education and experience at school. I feel that by working together as parents and school we can nurture kindness and respect alongside academic excellence.

As an organised, composed, and tenacious individual with the drive, experience and understanding of the time and commitment required to be effective, I feel I could be a good fit for the parent governor vacancy. Thank you for your consideration.