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Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – BALLOT LETTER

We wrote to you on 8th September to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent governor.

We are delighted to say that there has been a positive response and there are four candidates for the vacancy. This means we will now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates who are:

Amanda Beaumont
Persia Cyrille
Alexander Richards
Regina Waweru

You may vote for up to **one** of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. The eldest sibling in school will receive the information and ballot paper.

As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an 'X' alongside the name of the parent you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper please post it in the sealed, confidential ballot box, which can be found in the school office by **Tuesday 14th October 2025**. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please contact the school office.

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, school will let you know the outcome. If, in the meantime, you have any queries, please contact school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Laing and Mrs Shane

Returning Officers

Personal Statement from Amanda Beaumont

Mother to a daughter in Year 2.

I am passionate about supporting St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy and ensuring every child receives the best possible education in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. As a parent, I understand the importance of strong communication between families and the school, and I am committed to representing the views and concerns of all parents.

I believe in promoting high standards in teaching and learning, especially in Religious Education and PSHE, and I am eager to contribute to the school's ongoing development. I value the Catholic ethos and want to help preserve and strengthen the school's unique character.

With experience in collaborative working and a genuine interest in the wellbeing of our children, I am ready to play an active role in the Local Governing Body. I am committed to attending meetings, undertaking training, and working with staff, governors, and parents to help our school thrive.

I would be honoured to serve as parent governor and help ensure St Patrick's continues to be a place where every child can achieve, feel valued, and grow in faith.

Thank you,
Amanda.

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Personal Statement from Persia Cyrille

My name is Persia and I am a mother to 3 children of college, secondary and primary age. I currently work for Aspens who are the catering company providing school dinners at St Patrick's. For the past 2 years I have volunteered as part of the school PFA, a role I am very proud of as we work together to raise funds for extra resources and exciting events for our children.

My youngest child has been attending St Patrick's since nursery and is now in year 3. My daughter thoroughly enjoys coming in each morning. I truly feel our school community embodies the first of its mission statement, 'love first'. She has always felt safe, heard and cared for which is very important to me. I see the huge impact her class teachers and the curriculum have on shaping her future and I would like to actively contribute to making sure that remains positive and effective.

I have a keen interest in the education and well being of all our pupils at St Patricks and I will always put the best interests of our children first. I can advise, problem solve and communicate effectively, skills I believe are important for this position. As parent governor I will help set the schools direction, monitor its performance and make sure it remains accountable. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to work alongside our amazing teachers and fellow governors to positively impact our school community.

Thank you for considering my nomination,

Persia Cyrille

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Personal statement from Alexander Richards

A very good day to all of you!

My name is Alexander Richards, I am very honoured and thankful to have been nominated for the post of Parent Governor at such a great School. I believe that I am suitable for this post because I am an approachable parent, willing to listen, able to support your child navigate through mainstream education. I have 20yrs experience working with children and families in both voluntary community and statutory settings. As a parent who has brought all my children to attend this School over the past 12yrs. I have witnessed the dedication of Headteachers, Teachers and their support team. To promote pupil learning for all to reach their full educational potential. The St Patricks Catholic Academy is most definitely better than a 'Good' School, and certainly is more than capable to achieve an 'Outstanding' grade coming up to our next Ofsted with all of us working together. This opportunity would not only help me to serve you all as a bridge between school and parents' liaison. It also provides me with a sense of personal achievement to support the team at the school to accomplish its aims to be the very best Catholic education for every child. Your vote for me will promote the schools core values of love first, living the Gospel, and learning for life. Your vote will encourage engagement through inclusion and equality. Your vote for me will ensure that the parents and children's voice can be heard and understood.

Yours gratefully,

Alexander Richards

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Personal Statement from Regina Waweru

I am applying to be a Parent Governor because I am passionate about supporting St Patrick's in its mission to provide a high-quality, faith-based education rooted in Catholic values.

I have been part of the parish community for 13 years and a parent at the school for the past 7 years, with my daughter currently attending. Over the years, I have developed a deep appreciation for the school's commitment to nurturing children both academically and spiritually.

As a catchist, I help prepare children for the sacraments and guide them in their faith journey. I also organise and support the Children's Mass and regularly assist with the Children's Liturgy, helping young children engage with the Gospel in a way they can understand and relate to. These roles have given me valuable experience working closely with children and families in a faith setting.

I also have a clear understanding of safeguarding principles and the importance of creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all pupils. I am committed to promoting the well-being of every child and supporting the school in maintaining high standards of care.

I believe my long-standing involvement in both the parish and school gives me a strong foundation to serve effectively. As a Parent Governor, I would bring commitment, faith, and a collaborative approach to support the leadership team and represent the voice of parents in the continued growth of our Catholic school community.

Kind regards

Regina Waweru