

BALLOT Paper for Parent Governor Election – VOTE NOW!

There is one vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body. Please put an 'X' in the box next to your preferred candidate.

Vote for ONE candidate only

1	Stephanie Gittins	
2	Darron Rudkins	

When you have chosen your preferred candidate please:

1. Fold the ballot paper - do not write your name on the ballot paper.
2. Place your folded ballot paper in an envelope (available at the office) and **write your name on the envelope** so that it can be checked against the list of eligible voters. (The envelope will be opened and discarded by the independent scrutineer without looking at the votes cast.)
3. Deliver your ballot to the school and place in the ballot box which will be available outside the office.

All ballot papers must be received by Friday 17th May at 2.30 pm. Ballot papers received after this time, for whatever reason, will not be counted.

Additional copies of the ballot paper are available from the office and the website.

Overleaf is a brief note prepared by each candidate about themselves.

C Murray
Clerk to the Governors
10/05/19

Stephanie Gittins:

My name is Steph Gittins and I have two daughters at Edward Feild, Briar (in Year 1) & Marla (in Robin Preschool and going up to Reception in September). I'd like to tell you a bit more about myself and what I could bring to the governors, should I be elected.

I have been an Associate Governor since January, sitting on the Resources Committee which oversees the school's budget. I have also helped out at the School Vision Group which helps to develop the school's values and aims. I have really enjoyed this experience to gain insight into the workings of the school and the responsibilities of the governing body.

I have worked within education for 15 years in schools publishing which I feel has helped me to develop skills that would transfer really well to the role of a governor. Through my work, I've also been lucky enough to visit schools all over the world and speak to teachers about what they need in order to inspire children and help them progress.

I believe strongly in community and I hope that being a school governor would allow me to give something back.

Darron Rudkins:

My wife and our two sons moved from Australia to Edinburgh in November 2015. Having enjoyed our time there, we sought warmer weather and I accepted a new position in Oxford in September 2017. We settled in Water Eaton before finally moving to Begbroke in November 2018. My wife took care of finding the boys a school and right from the start of that search she felt Edward Feild was the right school, thanks to the warm welcome she received from Simon and his team.

Both our sons attend Edward Feild; Hayden is in Year 1, Cameron attends Robin Preschool, starting Reception in September. They both also attend Magpies for morning, afternoon and holiday care. We have experienced what Edward Feild offers when children require extra support and we could not be more pleased. I would like to give back to the Edward Feild community as I believe education at early stages is vitality important, and more that can be done to improve the school, I would very much like to contribute towards. I would love nothing more than to see Edward Feild's rating move to outstanding.

I have worked for small-medium enterprises and large corporates, currently employed as Head of Finance for a publicly listed construction company. I believe my knowledge, skills and passion would be of benefit to the governing body