

Monday 22nd November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we open our formal election process for the two Parent Governor positions we have on the School Governing Board. Within this newsletter are the Governor Response forms from the three candidates, Sanya Anderson, Kerry Dignan and Jescinta James.

The voting period will run from today, Monday, 22nd November until Friday 3rd December at 12 p.m.

All voting slips must be returned to Katie and Shajia in the office so we can sign off voting returns.

We look forward to your responses and the count will be carried out by Jon, Chair of Governors, and myself as Returning Officer.

We will announce the outcome of the election on the afternoon of Friday 3rd December.

Best Wishes, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

## Candidacy for Parent Governor Elections

### Sanya Anderson

I currently have 3 children in Ashmount- Nursery, Year 1, and year 4 who are all very happy to be there. The Education of my children and children in general is very important to me, however I am a firm believer that Education is not everything; the emotional wellbeing of the child is key.

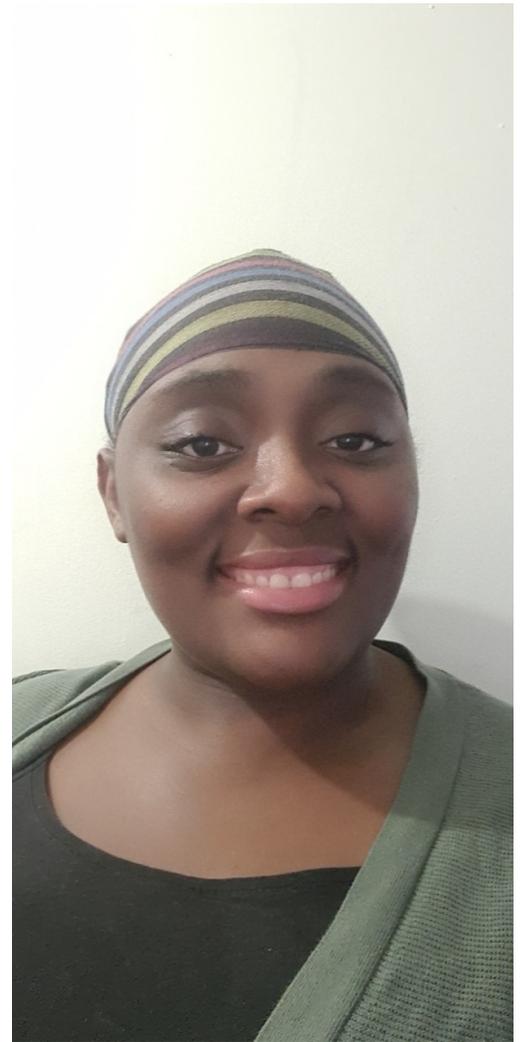
I am currently Co-Treasurer of Ashmount Together and have been a member of the committee for the past 3 years, so I understand the school's ethos, vision and what it wants to achieve. With this, I am also aware of the challenges the school faces but also how they try to tackle the challenges to ensure that the children are the centre of the school. I am committed to the growth and success of our children, and that is something I will always strive for.

I have the necessary Literacy, Numeracy, and basic IT skills that this role requires as well as exhibiting the Professional and Team Working skills- These are all key to my current role as a School Nurse.

My whole career has been around improving the life of children, from a NICU Nurse and now a School Nurse. I am a firm believer and advocate for early intervention- it being necessary to better the lives of our children in every area from Safeguarding to Education.

In both of these roles, I have extensive experience of working within a team but also independently. As a School Nurse a key part of my role is holding others accountable for their actions and the part, they play in the life of children 5-19.

I have a deep understanding of the needs of busy working parents in ensuring the welfare of their children in their academic setting and understand the challenges other parents and children with additional needs can face on a day-to-day basis. I feel that my professional skills, combined with my passion for making a difference to the lives of children would make me an excellent choice for the role of Parent Governor.



## Candidacy for Parent Governor Elections

### Kerry Dignan

Ashmound is a wonderful school which offers excellent, inclusive education alongside a strong sense of community. I would like to support the school to continue to grow and develop by joining the board of governors.

My name is Kerry Dignan and I have a son in Year 2. My older son joined Ashmound towards the end of Year 4, 2 years ago, and the support our family has received during the 2+ years since we have been a part of the school has been simply outstanding. I am passionate about giving back to the school and helping young people to achieve the best they can. For these two reasons I would very much welcome the opportunity to be elected as a parent governor.



I have an educational administrative background and I am currently working as a human resources and compliance officer in a primary school setting. My role is to support and advise the senior management team on all compliance decisions relating to safeguarding, staff recruitment and policies and procedures, managing our covid-19 protocols and various aspects of health and safety within the school. I am a member of the health and safety committee and work alongside our leadership team to ensure we comply with relevant regulations, including data protection requirements, this includes preparation and participation in school inspections. I believe my skills will transfer well to the work of school governance.

I am lucky enough to have the time to commit to this role as my workplace provide time off for school governors. This means that I am able to attend meetings, governor training and visit the school during the day.

I am particularly keen to ensure that all children are appropriately safeguarded, supported and cared for in order to fulfil their full potential, whatever their background, special educational needs or disabilities.

I am not afraid to ask difficult questions if necessary on behalf of all the children this school serves. I am also keen to support the school and all of its dedicated staff who work so hard to make this school the wonderfully inclusive environment it is.

I hope that you will consider voting for me and thank you for reading.

## Candidacy for Parent Governor Elections

### Jescinta James

My name is Jescinta James, some may know me as Jess.

My daughter is in Year 4 at Ashmount.

I am currently a parent Governor with the school and I have been in this role for the past 4 years.

I am now Vice Chair for the Teaching and Learning committee. Although my term is coming to an end I would like to continue and do another term to complete some of the projects we have started to discuss in the Teaching and Learning committee with the Governors, as I think it's important to see it through to fruition.



My background is mainly been in the entertainment business as a singer, songwriter and musician and am a very creative person but most importantly a mother of two delightful children!

I am also one half of a team who developed a plant-based cleaning product which is still in research mode that I run with my business partner. So, I am very much about change within the environment and believe that my outlook and work flexibility enable me to adapt my time around my school Governing board role and scheduled meetings that we have as committee members.

I have enjoyed this role and it has been very enlightening understanding how school runs and how I can be a part of that for the betterment of all children and the school.

I also think that being a parent governor who is from an African Caribbean background helps to better diversify and represent the school governing body and give them a different perspective especially being based in the Crouch end area. This is where I also grow up and went to school as well as my children. So, in all, I have over 40 years of experience being in and around the area and supporting the local community.

The more I get involved the more I enjoy it. I am also part of the PTA, Ashmount Together, which puts on the fundraising events to fund projects for the whole school and I love to interact with parents and hear your views.