



The Astley Cooper School

Part of the East Dacorum Co-operative Learning Trust

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Dear Parent / Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Headteacher: Edward Gaynor

There are four vacancies for parent governors on the governing body. The following parents have been nominated:

Mrs Jodie Beresford

Mrs Joanne Dalton – Rattray

Mrs Victoria Mazillus

Mrs Julia Rae

Miss Tracy Ann Roast

A ballot paper is attached, together with a personal statement from each candidate who supplied one. These papers are also available from reception.

Only the parents of a pupil currently registered at the school may vote. For the purpose of the election of a parent governor:

"Parent" is defined for the purposes of the Constitution Regulations as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18". It includes a person who the child lives with or who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

Here's what to do:

1. Place a **X** against up to 4 names (not more than one vote per vacancy).
2. Put the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope and seal it. **DO NOT SIGN THE BALLOT PAPER OR THE ENVELOPE.**
3. Put this envelope in another envelope.
4. On the second envelope write your name in BLOCK LETTERS and your signature.
5. Return it to the school office by Monday 21 October at 10.00am

We will record the fact that you have voted and then place the unmarked envelope in the ballot box.

The votes will be counted at school immediately after the close of the election, in the presence of the candidates and Mrs Catterall a governor of the school.

We will notify you of the result as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Gaynor
Headteacher



Parent Governor Nominee Biographical Details

Mrs Jodie Beresford

I am an experienced Head of Faculty and Teacher of D&T. I teach GCSE and A Level in a range of DT subject specialist areas. I have experience working as a House Leader where student welfare, achievement and attendance was an important part of the role. Improving experiences for young people is important to me. I would be delighted to be considered for the parent governor role and involved in supporting The Astley Cooper School on its journey to outstanding.

Mrs Joanne Dalton-Rattray

I have a son in Year 8 and three others that will attend the school. I would like to take part in making the children's experience of school as positive as possible and prepare them for the next steps in life. I'm a Development Officer for a housing association. My current role involves appraising development opportunities, instructing and briefing consultants and managing schemes. Alongside my role, I'm also a wellbeing champion and have undertaken training for mental health first aid.

Mrs Victoria Mazillius

I have a vested interest in the school as a parent of a year 8 pupil and another child hoping to join in September 2020. I have worked in a special educational needs school setting and as a registered childminder and am keenly interested in playing a vital role giving a balanced view as a parent governor with the pupils' best interests at heart.

Mrs Julia Rae

I am pleased with Astley's approach to meeting pupils' educational needs and respectful relationships. Having worked within the Pharmacy industry for 10 years I can contribute a good understanding of the importance of healthy living, mental health awareness and safeguarding. I would like to bring this experience to enable me to be supportive and proactive in this role. I would like to be involved with future projects and events which will continue to build on Astley's standards and performance.

Miss Tracy Ann Roast

I have lived in Hemel Hempstead for about 14 years now. I have two children, one in Year 8 and one in the final year of primary school. I have brought them up by myself for the past 8 years. I work hard and am very thorough and conscientious especially in my work. I enjoy a challenge. I wish to be involved in the most important years of my children's lives and I can bring the enthusiasm and dedication required.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR/S AT THE ASTLEY COOPER SCHOOL

BALLOT PAPER

There are 4 vacancies for parent governors.

Candidates (in alphabetical order)

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| Mrs Joanne Dalton-Rattray | |
| Mrs Victoria Mazillius | |
| Mrs Julie Rae | |
| Miss Tracy Ann Roast | |

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