

# Nominees for Parent Governor at Purley Oaks Primary School, Nursery and Children's Centre – April/May 2018

## Personal Statements

### Ken BAZLEY

I would like to become a Parent Governor because I see before me at Purley Oaks a marvellous, friendly school whose staff really invest in the children; there is a real community feel here and I want to help make sure that the good work going on does not cease.

I am a progressive thinker and highly practical. I am prepared to ask difficult questions and will hold people to account. I am not afraid to express an opinion should it be required. Where others see problems, I look for opportunities.

I believe in setting up an environment in which children can feel safe and confident in their own abilities and be allowed to blossom at their own rate. It was evident when we looked at the local schools that Purley Oaks shared this philosophy, which is one of the reason we thought our son would thrive here. Of course, it's the wonderful staff and super facilities that allow this to happen.

In my professional capacity, I am a Senior Geospatial Engineer, working for one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious family firms. I have vast experience working in this industry in varying roles and have worked on some of London's most iconic projects such as the London Olympics, The Cheesegrater, Wimbledon No. 1 court, Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben). I am a full member of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors and serve as an examiner for the institution. After graduating from university, I spent 6 years working in archaeology – including projects in Australia and Papua New Guinea – before taking up a position as a trainee surveyor.

Away from work, I have many interests, including music (drummer since I was 11), genealogy and family history, amateur astronomy, gardening and a number of sports including football, rugby, cricket and badminton. I am also a keen home-brewer and have previously served as Chairman at London Amateur Brewers.

If you think I have the character of experience to be a Parent Governor at Purley Oaks then do vote for me – I would be honoured to serve.



### Richard FAIRWEATHER

My name is Richard Fairweather. I have a young lady, Neveah in year 5, and a 16 month old that you may have seen me carrying around the playground. I also run the football after school club for Reception and Year 1.

I have been a Parent Governor at Purley Oaks Primary School for the past 4 years, but now my term has come to an end. I would like to put myself forward for another term as Parent Governor. Over the past 4 years I have worked on the Planning and Finance Committee, helping shaping the school environment for our children.



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I am also committee chair for the Area 3 Steering Group for Best Start Children's Centres. As chair, my role is to be the voice of the parents in planning area 3, helping steer the Best Start Centres to focus their activities for the needs of the parents. As chair, I have helped setup a Facebook group for parents to share their ideas.

In my day-to-day life I work for Little Kickers, which is a football based activity for children aged 18 months to 8 years across Sevenoaks and now in Croydon. I work with schools and nurseries teaching children. I also manage 50 coaches and venues.

I would promise to continue my absolute commitment and enthusiasm to the role and to do all that I can to contribute to the continued success of our school.

### **Michaela GURNEY**

I have some good ideas to bring to the school.

I have set up a tenants association, so have good leadership skills and team experience. I have also looked after accounts and organised how money was spent.

If I was elected I would speak for everyone on the level. I am a real mum that has experience with hardship and haven't had an easy life! I can relate to real problems and get your voices heard to make this school a better place for your children's learning.



I have also been a youth worker so talking to kids is easy.

I have also worked with disabled people, promoting their independence, teaching them life skills and working on adapting to life's challenges. I started out in a hostel living on my own, with my son, on benefits. I understand most people's problems as I have probably been there, so by choosing me you are choosing a real mum with real life experiences.

I look forward to hearing what you all have to say voicing your opinions to the school.