



MALTESE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs F White

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parent

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

On Friday 28th November 2025, we invited nominations for the vacancy for a Parent Governor. As we have received more nominations than available positions, we will now proceed to a secret ballot.

Please read each candidates information carefully, then use the link below to cast your vote anonymously for one candidate. Before voting, we encourage you to read the attached candidate statements to help inform your decision.

Parent Governor Election - click link -[Parent Governor Ballot Paper Response – Fill in form](#) or scan QR code



The ballot will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday 12th February 2026. Votes submitted after this time cannot be counted.

If you would prefer to vote in person, ballot papers and secure envelopes are available for collection from the school office.

Should you have any questions about the election process, please contact Mrs Faye White via email at admin@maltese.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Faye White
Headteacher



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Parent Governor Candidate Information

Candidate A - Emma Cruse

I have been part of the school community since its start and feel a strong commitment to its mission, development, and future. I have three children who have attended the school: two currently in Years 2 and 4, and my eldest, now in Year 10, was a pupil at Maltese Road from its opening in September 2014.

Professionally, I work in financial services, with significant experience in complaints handling, problem-solving, and financial oversight. My role requires calm judgement, clear communication, and fair, transparent decision-making in complex situations, all of which are directly relevant to effective school governance.

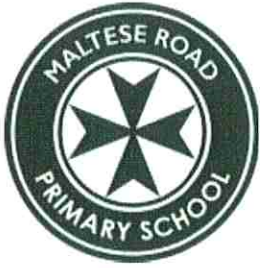
I am passionate about supporting the continued growth of the school so that every child benefits from a high-quality education and a positive, enriching school experience. I believe strong governance plays a vital role in creating an environment where children can thrive, and I am committed to contributing thoughtfully, objectively, and with integrity.

Candidate B – Seb Salaforis

Every child deserves to feel happy, included, respected and supported- academically, socially and emotionally. That, the fact I will soon have three children at the school and a commitment to public service is why I'm standing as a parent governor. I would offer a parent's perspective, keeping pupils' emotional wellbeing and reaching academic potential central. I support an inclusive, enriching experience, with opportunities in arts, sport, outdoor learning. I care about smooth transitions to secondary school, so every child leaves confident and ready for the next stage of their journey.

Professionally, I'm a senior economist in Government, leading people, projects and analysis. I would bring analytical rigour, evidence-led challenge and the courage to speak up—useful for contributing to setting the school's strategy, monitoring performance and holding it to account.

If elected, I will listen, ask thoughtful questions and champion a safe, caring school.



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Candidate C – Gemma Wilkinson-Lowe

Hello, I'm Gemma and I would love to channel my enthusiasm, passion and experience into being a Parent Governor at Maltese Road. I have two children at school, in Reception and Year 2.

I write and edit children's books, specialising in accessibility editing to ensure that all children, particularly those with SEND, can have access to enjoyable stories.

I believe that my experience on the FOM Committee and my perspective as both a parent and SEND parent will put me in good stead to be successful in this role. I look forward to working collaboratively with the school's leadership team to act in the interest of all the children, families and our wonderful school community.

Candidate D – Suzy Waterhouse

I'm standing for parent governor because I really care about Maltese Road Primary School and want to play an active role in helping our children thrive. In my professional life, I'm a Chartered Governance Professional, which means I'm used to helping organisations make good decisions and stay focused on what matters. I also spent eight years working closely with schools and students in an education liaison role, so I understand how school communities work and what helps them flourish.

I'm always keen to learn and happy to take on any training needed to be a useful, supportive governor. Most of all, I want to bring both my governance experience and my perspective as a parent to the board. I'd love the chance to contribute to the school's vision and help make sure every child has the best possible experience at Maltese Road.