

Trust Board Parent Trustee nomination

Dear parents and carers,

We wrote to you recently requesting nominations for our two Parent Trustee vacancies. We are delighted to have received such a positive response and have pleasure in listing the candidates within this letter.

To aid you in selecting a suitable candidate, as a Parent Trustee, we need someone to:

- bring unique experiences, expertise, dedication, perspectives and insights to inform discussions and strategic decision-making;
- make a valuable contribution to education, community/Parish and other school communities/ Parishes;
- support and challenge our five Trust schools so that they continually improve for pupils, parents/carers and all staff;

The Parent Trustee is a voluntary role and with it, the elected candidates will have equal responsibility across all five schools within the Trust, not just for the school which their child attends.

Please could you complete the proforma on the second page or send an email including all the same information via email to: office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk / office@dilhorne.staffs.sch.uk with the email entitled '**Parent Trustee vote**'.

The deadline for voting is **Friday 4th December 12:00**.

Please indicate your chosen candidate by placing a X in the box next to their name. One vote is permitted by each family.

On behalf of all our children, parents and fellow Trustees, we thank all candidates for their applications and you for taking the time to vote.

Nick Chesters

Nick Chesters
Chair of The Moorlands Primary Federation MAT

Jared Eccles
Executive Principal/CEO



Parent Trustee nomination 2020

Parent name

Child's name

Child's school

Please indicate your chosen candidate by placing a X in the box next to their name.

Louise Wainwright	
Jane McFarlane	
Tom Cadman	
Simon (Sam) Adams	
Kelly Hill	

Thank you for taking the time to vote.

Louise Wainwright

I would like to express my interest in the voluntary role of parent trustee.

I have worked as a qualified teacher all my working life, entering teaching straight from University, 18 years ago. Throughout my career, I have worked in secondary education and in addition to teaching science and psychology, I have held a number of positions which have involved various levels of responsibility and leadership. Many of these roles have been centred around student welfare, whether this be as attendance lead, as a head of year, or later, leading the whole pastoral team. Following this, I held the role of assistant head with responsibility for pupil behaviour and attitudes. This leadership role also gave me responsibility for staff and pupil attendance as well as deputy safeguarding lead-which is a responsibility that I continue with today.

I currently have the privilege of being Vice Principal of a secondary school within Newcastle under Lyme which is part of a small academy trust. My main responsibility now lies within quality of education, in particular, curriculum implementation (teaching and learning). I am also strategically responsible for quality assurance across the academy, provision for disadvantaged students, transition and staff CPD. In all these roles I have had to be extremely methodical, efficient, organised and resilient. I am team player as well as a capable leader of all staff.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family and I have two sons who attend St Werburgh's in Kingsley. I have recently been part of the Kingsley Venture Valley team and we have spent the last two years successfully applying to various funds to create a new play area for the children of the village and surrounding areas. This was completed last month, and a fantastic new playground has now been built in the heart of Kingsley village.

I believe that my skillset and experience would give me a unique viewpoint of both a parent and someone who is very familiar with the demands of working in the ever-challenging education system, including Ofsted visits. I hope that it is evident that I am committed to improving the lives of young people and I would be excited to work alongside staff, families and all of our communities to ensure pupils receive an enriching and inspiring educational journey.

I understand the importance of the parent trustee role and the demands it brings. Having lived in the local area throughout my life I would enjoy the opportunity to play a part in improving the opportunities for all young people and be an asset to your team, in whatever way I can.



Jane McFarlane

My name is Jane McFarlane and I have lived in Kingsley for 16 years. I have an eight-year-old son, Edward, who is currently in Year 3 at St Werburgh's C E Primary School.

I have been a journalist all of my adult life, having worked in news and features. I am now a commercial features writer for the Midlands and Wales, covering titles from the Nottingham Post, Derby Telegraph, Sentinel and Birmingham Mail to Wales Online.

I am currently the chairperson at Kingsley Kingfishers and Kingfishers of Dilhorne, a role which comes to an end in May 2021. I have been on the committee for nearly five years and in that time am proud to have achieved many things that had been outstanding for some time, mainly bringing staff contracts up to date and implementing regular staff supervisions and appraisals. I have accompanied staff to the Ofsted Big Conversation in Liverpool and Bolton, organised day trips to the National Childcare Expo in Coventry and Manchester and have carried out on-the-spot Learning Walks with managers at both settings.

I have also visited other nursery settings with staff members to ensure the provision we offer is of the highest standard, and welcomed staff from other nurseries to see what we offer at Kingfishers.

I have been a leader within Girlguiding for 16 years, starting off as an assistant Brownie leader before moving on to run the village Guide unit for 12 years. I am now the leader at Rainbows, and am also qualified to run Senior Section and take girls away on holidays and on trips abroad.

I am keen to give something back to the Trust as I cannot thank you enough for the excellent start Edward has had to his education. My experience with St Werburgh's as a parent, and with Dilhorne as chairman of the pre-school, has been nothing but positive and I would like to contribute in some way to the success of the federation.

Tom Cadman

I believe that I can make a valuable contribution to the Federation due to my professional qualifications as a Building Surveyor, my experience and my current employment.

In my current employment as a Building Surveyor and Project Team Leader, for the multi-disciplinary building consultancy Baily Garner LLP, I frequently advise educational institutions on matters relating to Building Fabric, Mechanical and Electrical Installations. This advice is centred around condition related remedial works, statutory compliance requirements and general refurbishment and remediation advice. My current client base ranges from standalone schools to large MAT's of 25+ academies. Through this role I have led multi-disciplinary teams in delivering projects with values ranging from £10,000 up to £1.7million. Although not in a leadership capacity, I am also involved with multiple other projects ranging in value up to £34million. I have successfully obtained funding for schools through both the Condition Improvement Fund and the Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP Schemes). Once funding has been received, I have then successfully designed and delivered these projects.

I recognise that I am in the privileged position of having both the constructional and professional expertise to be able to positively enhance the learning environments of future generations. I also strongly believe that the built environment stimulates the users of that space and therefore through the former attributes and the latter belief, I feel very passionately about improving the educational environment for both today's and future generations and would seek to impart this knowledge and enthusiasm upon the Federation's estate.

Due to Baily Garner LLP's organisational structure and my role as a Project Team Leader, I am involved in strategic decision making and operational business planning, specifically for the Birmingham Surveying and Services Team Programme. I also frequently meet with Executive Leadership teams/members and individuals at strategic level to discuss School Capital Allocation funding strategies and advise on the procurement routes available to them. I therefore strongly believe I would be able to contribute to any strategic decision-making this role would entail.



Simon (Sam) Adams

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Sam Adams, a proud parent of Emilia Adams who attends Dilhorne Primary (DP) in class 2 where she is extremely happy, under the stewardship of Mrs. Love.

Jackie (Emilia's mum) and I had DP as our 1st choice when we looked to find a suitable school in what seems to be an eternity ago. Our reasoning behind this was we believed in what the school offered which seemed to contradict the Ofsted report. Reflecting on our decision we made the correct one and must say the community should be extremely proud of what is being achieved! Historically DP has schooled Emilia's mum, uncles, cousins, grandfather and for many years her aunt was a teacher. (Laura Brookes)

On personal level DP is new to me but must say I feel a part of the school which is testament to everyone's hard work. During the initial lockdown we as a family looked after the farm animals every Saturday/Sunday for around 4 months, which was an absolute pleasure. As of October, I was voted in as Vice Chair of the PTFA in which we have a strong team to work alongside the school in helping generate much needed funds for our children. From speaking to parents one of the reasons they voted for me was I have helped with every fund-raising event from designing banners, running stalls, to being a go to person.

On a professional level I run my own business (Performance Print Engineering & Consultancy) which supports the flexible packaging industry who create labels for the supermarket, cosmetic, pharmaceutical industries along with shrink sleeves for beverage industry to name just a few.

In previous roles I successfully acted as a Service Director for the world's largest narrow web machine manufacturer whose region was Europe & South East Asia. I was responsible for:

- 30 engineers/office staff
- Machine installations worth in the region of £35 million per year
- Keeping skill levels current
- Customer facing in hostile situations (global travel)
- Developing new business opportunities
- Helping people achieve what they did not think possible

My ability to work as a team/lead from the front in developing new opportunities would help the TMPF in the coming years. DP would have an active parent which they can reach out to raise any concerns and be the voice for the school.

Thank you for taking time to read my portrait and hope to hear from you in the near future.



Kelly Hill

My name is Kelly Hill and I am the Mother of two children who attend Dilhorne Primary School. I am married to Nathan Hill and our children are currently in reception and year 2. We live in Forsbrook and looked at a number of primary schools, but we fell in love with everything about Dilhorne.

As a family we love to get involved in the community spirit that the small school offers, and I already do as much as I can to support the school and ensure its longevity. I have posted flyers locally for the past 2 years, I have manned stalls at summer and autumn fayres, and I have campaigned for the school to retain the current three class structure.

An integral part of ensuring the longevity of any school is the availability of quality pre-school and wrap around care. Kingfishers of Dilhorne and Kingsley offers this at two of the five schools in the MAT and I have been a committee member for nearly 2 years. This is a voluntary role, jointly managing the two settings alongside the rest of the committee. This includes decision making on staffing issues, financial management and marketing etc.

I am also the treasurer for the Dilhorne PTFA (parent teacher friends association). This role has given me an insight into some of the challenges faced by the school with funds and resourcing and the pressures that the job brings.

My motivation for volunteering for the positions I currently hold and for putting myself forward for this one, is to give something back and ensure the school has the support it needs to continue to thrive and improve. I am a Barrister and work full time attending Crown Courts, representing members of the public who have either been the victim of crime or accused of committing a criminal offence. I am their voice, and the role of an advocate is to put forward a case on someone else's behalf. In order to do so, I consider large volumes of information, identify the issues and then provide advice or formulate a view accordingly.

I hope to bring my (over 10 years) experience in the law to this role, being able to understand that different people hold different points of view, and being able to express my view in a way that can be understood. I also hope to act as a bridge to facilitate positive, collaborative working relationships between the school, the PTFA and Kingfishers.

I would be honoured to have the opportunity to support the MAT and use my skills and experience to benefit all five schools.

