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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Election of Parent Governors at The Forest School**

Following my letter dated 31 January 2012 I am pleased to confirm we have three nominations at our school for Parent Governors.

Attached are the Candidate statements, and a Ballot paper for voting.

Voting papers must be returned to the Clerk to the Governor's in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot Paper" not later than the morning of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

I will arrange for votes to be counted on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at a time mutually agreed with all candidates, and each candidate, or his or her authorised representative, may attend the count. I shall arrange for all parents to be notified of the result.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Governors via the School Office.

Yours sincerely



Ms S C V Denning  
Headteacher

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**Election of Parent Governors at The Forest School**

1. Vote by placing an X in boxes of candidates of your choice. Please do not mark the ballot paper in any other way.
2. Do not vote for more than one candidate.
3. Each parent is entitled to **one** vote per vacancy.
4. Each parent must vote on a separate form.

**Candidate 1 – Tonia Chantler**

I currently have a son in Year 9 and another son about to join Forest School in September. Having been a Parent Governor for my local Primary School, I fully understand the commitment needed and also how rewarding the role can be. I work part time as a HR Manager responsible for over 400 colleagues, for a blue chip food retailer. My role is varied, dealing from employment legislation to budgetary control.

**Candidate 2 – Stephen Welch**

I am the director of a successful knowledge transfer company, connecting universities and businesses together to exploit innovative new technology. This builds on an extensive career at University College London, and working across public and private sectors at a very high level. I believe that I can offer valuable business / innovation and teaching / learning skills that will be useful to the school. I have experience of managing extended stakeholder groups, and budgeting and raising finance.

**Candidate 3 – Jason Garbutt**



In support of my application for election as a Parent Governor, quite a number of parents at the school already know me but for those that do not, my name is Jason Garbutt, I am 44 years old, married to Kate, and have lived in Horsham since 1999.

I have boys in Years 7 and 9, and will have another one joining in 2015 – so I have both a short term and a longer term interest in the continuing improvement and efficient running of the school. I have previously served as a council appointed school governor, in London, as well as serving as a local Councillor. I run a driving school in Horsham, and as a result, I often meet former Forest boys, and am always impressed with their politeness and confidence. I also have an enhanced CRB check through my work.

As such, I have skills and experience to bring to the governing body, and can be available to visit the school during the daytime.

**Please return completed ballot paper in a sealed envelope marked “Ballot Paper” to the Clerk to the Governors to arrive no later than Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**