

Candidate Biographies:

Kate Cain

Myself like many other parents want to make sure that our children are in and getting the best quality and environment they can during their years at secondary school. I currently have a daughter Millie in Year 9 and another daughter Ruby in Year 6 at Junior School who moves to Shuttleworth College in September 2018. I am keen to continue to be involved in my children's education by supporting the school as a member of the Governing body.

I am a local resident having lived within a mile of the Shuttleworth College site all my life. I take pride in the community I live in and it's potential, volunteering as a school governor would enable me to give something back to the community I live in. If I am elected as a parent governor I would provide some innovative ideas, feedback and put forward views from my own and others personal experiences as a parent to help develop and support changes where required within the school.

I have experience having been a school governor at a local Junior school for 5 years supporting them moving from 'Needs Improvement' to 'Good' which was successfully sustained on an Ofsted inspection in May 2018. I have gained a variety of knowledge and skills during my time as a junior school Governor which I feel would be of benefit to the governing body of Shuttleworth College, such as safeguarding training, supporting Ofsted inspections, interviewing for senior leadership posts and chairing committee's and panels required for disciplinary/complaints hearings.

I work currently as a Matron at East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust and have worked within the NHS for over 20 years. Many of the skills that I utilise in my day to day role are easily transferrable across in to a governor's role such as budgeting, managing resources, people management skills, dealing with disciplinary matters and investigations. I feel that I can confidently support a governing body to ensure they effectively hold the school leaders to account for pupil's academic progress and welfare.

I hope after reading this you will choose to vote for me and provide me with the opportunity to become a valuable and active member of the Governing Body who would support Shuttleworth College on its journey to progress to outstanding school.

Alison Whitehead

I have worked in the NHS for over 20 years and have a significant amount of experience in standards, quality improvement, risk management and more recently in resilience and business continuity. From both a teaching and student perspective, I think that my input into organisational and personal resilience would be of benefit to Shuttleworth College and my experience in quality improvement and risk management also of use. As a senior manager for several years now, I have both experienced and implemented successful programmes of change and have also been involved in personnel recruitment and team management.

I am passionate about encouraging individuals to make the most of their skills and abilities, whatever they may be. I am also keen to do this in a supportive and safe environment. As such, I would be keen to bring this passion into the College to hopefully build on and contribute to improvements in the learning and development of both staff and students.

As my daughter is coming up to finishing her first year at Shuttleworth College, becoming a parent governor would provide me with the opportunity to feedback about the things that we believe have gone fantastically well, and also on those areas where there may be room for improvement.

I would be more than happy to support the College by sitting of any of the sub-committees as I feel that I have sufficient skills and attributes to be able to be an effective participant in such a forum.

Clare Wilkinson

I currently work as a Headteacher's personal Assistant within a special school and within this role, cover all aspects of HR. I am a very organised person and have great communication skills. Despite my role being administrative, I have formed fantastic relationships with pupils and parents. We recently achieved outstanding from Ofsted in October 2017 and I worked closely with management to implement policies and procedures that contributed to this achievement. I also work directly with our governors so I understand the attributes required to have a positive input into a school.

I have completed a business degree and HR management qualification which gives me the knowledge to assist the governors. Using my 6 years' experience from working in a school, I can contribute good ideas but also challenge where necessary.

I am a Mum to two boys, one of which is currently in Yr 7 at Shuttleworth College. I have been very happy with the education and support that my son has received here and would therefore like to provide support in return. I would like to think that with my passion, skills and experience I can help Shuttleworth College to be the best it can be and gain outstanding status.

Joanne Broughton

I have a son in Year 9 and have witnessed first-hand the improvement in this school over the last three years. I have put myself forward for election as a Parent Governor as I would like to make a personal contribution towards the Governing Body's aim to help move the school to Good and then Outstanding status within the next three years.

I have worked for a group of regional newspapers for over 20 years. Over this time, I have developed skills in systems and processes, change implementation, marketing, strategy and analytics.

On a personal level, I am a committed and reliable individual who puts 100% into achieving my goals. In 2009, I returned to education, part-time in the evenings, and in 2013 I gained a 1st Class BA Hons Degree in Education with Professional Studies. Throughout the course, I developed an interest in Education policy and the implementation of this policy into practice.

I feel that the combination of transferable skills I have developed in the work place alongside my knowledge and interest in Education – particularly in effective implementation of policy – would help me to make a positive contribution to the College and assist the Governing Body in achieving its aims.