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Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Kings Worthy Primary School Election of Parent Governors**

We are pleased to announce that we have had an excellent level of interest in our parent governor vacancies and we are now proceeding to have a ballot to elect two parent governors. The candidates' brief statements are attached below; their names are (in alphabetical order):

David Gibbons  
Charles Smith  
Lorraine Suchanek

As we said previously, we are conducting this election on-line using the email address we have registered for parents in the school database. You should receive your email invitation to vote by 4pm which will include a link unique to you that you can use to vote. If you haven't received an email by 5pm please check your Junk Mail. All voting must be completed by 3.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

We would like to thank all the parents who have put their names forward. By doing so you have contributed to the health and vitality of the school, whether or not you are elected.

Yours sincerely,

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## Candidates' Election Statements (in alphabetical order)

### David Gibbons

As a parent of two children at the school, I am passionate to ensure they get the best education in a dynamic learning environment. Over many years, I have come to believe that a good education can make a huge difference to so many areas of people's lives. I have seen this close up in my time working in social housing. Being involved in the 3rd Winchester Scouts, I have found it incredibly rewarding giving back to my community and would love the opportunity to continue this as a school governor.

As a chartered management accountant, I have a strong understanding of many aspects of finance. Nine of my twelve years in finance have been spent working in the social housing industry, which has given me a useful insight into publicly funded organisations. Much of my accounting experience has concentrated on budgeting and reporting for property maintenance and new construction projects. I have managed teams of various sizes and abilities and been responsible for recruitment and personal development. I have taken charge of many short and long term projects that involved engaging with stakeholders of all levels internally and externally.

### Charles Smith

I have sat on a number of boards as an executive, non-executive and a trustee across the private, public and third sector. I have been fortunate to experience and learn a great deal and I would like to put that to good use to help the leadership team, teachers and children of Kings Worthy Primary School. My wife and my sister are both teachers and their commitment has inspired me to offer my time.

My professional experience spans the private, public and third sector. I have worked in director level positions for some of the UK's most well-known brands, a non-executive director of both charities and social enterprises as well as a trustee of a charity. I have worked across a variety of commercial roles (strategy, marketing, sales, product management) but given the nature of the more senior positions I have held, I am competent in financial matters (accounting, corporate finance, investment) and governance (risk, audit, legal).

Nothing is more important to me than my family's health and happiness and I would like to think I bring a community minded, spirited and creative outlook to any role I pursue. I also enjoy working with people at every level of an organisation or institution and hope that I have something to offer everyone given the range of roles I have had since I was 15 years old. I am also comfortable leading and taking public responsibility for organisations and causes I feel passionately about.

### Lorraine Suchanek

I am the parent of two children in the school (Lily in 5B and Kane in Hedgehogs). I am also the parent of two adult daughters and two young adult step-sons. I am passionately interested and supportive of their education and as all have or are taking different paths towards their goals, I have gained a great deal of parental experience in the field of education. Lily and Kane have complex needs which means that I have a great deal of interaction with the staff at the school and I am impressed by the response that has been made to support my children. I would like to give my time and expertise to support the school and to use my skill set to assist the staff and governors. I believe that I can assist with strategic reviews, business planning, management of human resources, legal issues, health and safety and change management. I am used to challenging and interrogating people and data to establish the issues that need to be addressed. In short, I would like to give something back to the school and the community which has become so important to me.

I am an experienced parent and business woman. I have good communication and people skills. I enjoy working collaboratively and am energetic with a positive attitude.

Since 1996 I have been a Partner at Stillwells LLP (formerly Payne Marsh Stillwell) Solicitors in Southampton. As an owner of a successful business for many years I am used to business planning, carrying out financial and strategic reviews, budgeting and implementation of policies and procedures. I was the Partner responsible for Staff and all HR issues. I ran the IT programme for the firm during which time I carried out two separate major programme changes and the attendant training. For many years I carried out Health and Safety Litigation and was responsible for implementing and monitoring the H&S policies for the firm. I now advise on tax issues and estate planning. As a lawyer I am used to reading and assimilating complex documentation.

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To properly support Lily and Kane I have recently reduced my working commitments. I have also learned a great deal over the past few years about the provision of education for children in care, those with special needs and how to get their needs met.

I am also a trustee for Margaret Green Animal Rescue, the largest animal rescue charity in Dorset. We have three sanctuaries and rehome many species of animals, though our main business is the rescuing and rehoming of dogs. We have a staff of over 30 at the centres and although I and my fellow trustees provide strategic guidance to the CEO, we are often 'operational' when required. We rigorously manage the finances of the Charity, holding the CEO to account. The charity has assets of over £5 million. I advise on HR, H&S and legal issues. I am currently managing a complex sale of land owned by the charity. I am one of six trustees and we have bi monthly meetings at which the chair rotates. It is hugely rewarding to be involved.

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