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Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Trustee Election

The closing date for nominations for our Parent Trustee vacancy passed on 31 January 2019. Three nominations have been received and as there is only one vacancy currently available, a confidential ballot must now take place. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed as parent trustee for a four-year term.

Each parent or carer with a child attending a school within The Roseland Multi Academy Trust is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of children they have in school. Your ballot paper should be returned to any of the school offices by 12.00pm on Wednesday 13 February 2019. Please note the double envelope system explained within the voting instructions. This system is in place to ensure the anonymity of your vote. Votes cast not using the double envelope system will not be counted. Printed ballot papers and blank envelopes are also available at each school's reception desk.

Each candidate has been asked to provide a statement in support of their nomination, which are attached to this letter. Please remember that you are voting for the person that you consider has the skills and experience to undertake the role successfully – it does not matter if you do not personally know the candidate.

Yours sincerely

Paul Grayston
Chair of the Board



Parent Trustee ballot paper

To ensure a transparent and smooth election process please adhere to the following:

- Only mark one box,
- Make your selection by marking the candidate of your choice with a 'X',
- Only provide one vote per parent or carer, regardless of the number of children registered at the MAT schools. Each parent is entitled to one vote,
- If your ballot paper is spoiled please complete a new one,
- You may deliver the completed ballot paper personally to any TRMAT school or send it by post to ensure that it is received at the school by **12.00 NOON on Wednesday 13 February 2019**,
- Each ballot paper, however returned to the school, **should be in a plain sealed envelope, which in turn is inside a sealed envelope. The outer envelope must have your child's name on it.** This double envelope system is necessary so that those voting can then be checked against the school register as a way of ensuring that only those entitled to take part in the ballot actually do so and the ballot remains secret. Any ballot papers submitted not using this system will be **void**,
- Ballot papers recording more than the required votes or marked in any other way will be invalid and not included in the final count.

Candidates	Please mark vote with an 'X'
Name of candidate: Sandy Lawrence	
Name of candidate: Morag Giles	
Name of candidate: Christine Kingdon	

Ballot papers will be counted by the returning officer at Treviglas Academy, in the presence of the Headteacher at 10.30am on Thursday 14 February 2019. Nominees are welcome to attend at this time to witness the count.

Supporting statement

Sandy Lawrence

I am a parent of a young person attending Treviglas and can bring to the post of Parent Trustee many years experience in finance and budgeting along with project management.

My son has significant additional needs and this has necessitated fostering a close relationship with everyone involved in his care and education. I run a charity that supports disabled children in Cornwall and have significant experience supporting children and young people with additional needs. My eldest son is currently studying for his A levels and we are supporting him in his choices for further education, so I have a broad experience of both special needs and high achieving children and the challenge both present me with.

I have experience of being on a board of Governors, at Trenance Infant school and for a short time at Treviglas until we went into special measures.

As a management accountant I have many years experience in managing finances, auditing and supporting other board members to understand the key points of financial reporting. I was the data governor at Trenance and was getting to grips with the data at Treviglas just before the governing body was disbanded. I believe using the data to drive improvement is a key component of being a trustee.

I am committed to the continued improvement at Treviglas and welcome the opportunity to learn new skills pertinent to the post. Being part of a MAT can only be of benefit to Treviglas and it will be interesting seeing the transfer of good practice both from and to Treviglas.

Most of all I am keen to ensure that the voice of all parents is heard at every level of decision making keeping the children and young people at the very centre of everything we do.

Morag Giles

I feel deeply that if a child's journey through education is a positive one it will have a great impact on that child and their future.

I have two children at Treviglas, a daughter in yr10 and a son in yr7, I also have one son still in Primary in yr3. I am a fully qualified Secondary School teacher for Art, Design and photography, although presently not working as a teacher.

I am on the board of trustees for Dyslexia Cornwall and also work and volunteer for Dyslexia Cornwall; involved in guiding and supporting parents, carers, children and adults who are dyslexic themselves or have dyslexia in their family. One of my roles at Dyslexia Cornwall is to help schools attain their 'Inclusive Dyslexia Friendly Schools Mark', working closely with the Cognition and Learning Service at Cornwall Council. Through this role I am privileged to visit many schools in Cornwall, both secondary and primary and so have a wide perspective on different approaches and examples of good practice within these schools.

I am Dyslexic and education has been at times a struggle for me, but through the right support, understanding and resources, I have been able to succeed. I am always grateful for those teachers who saw beyond my difficulties and recognized my strengths, helping me to understand where I could succeed. My own children are all very different and will have very different needs, expectations and experiences throughout their school journey. Through good practice and the right approach a school can help a child discover where they can do well, what they are passionate about, development of resilience and understanding better how to live within a community.

I hope that as a Parent Trustee I could help to support Treviglas and offer any assistance that may be needed in improving outcomes for pupils.

Christine Kingdon

Learning is a life long passion of mine that developed when attending both primary and secondary school. It has carried with me through life, long after leaving compulsory education and gave me a drive to succeed.

I would now like to combine this passion with my views as a parent to help make the RMAT schools thrive. Nothing would give me greater satisfaction than helping the schools to continuously improve the quality of education on offer; ultimately nurturing all children, developing them both academically and emotionally so that they may leave well-rounded and ready for adult life.

Skills and Experience

- Financial background- work as a Paraplanner assisting with Pension and Investment administration, since 2010. Completed various financial services qualifications.
Director of my own company- Flag Leaf Finance Ltd through which I can arrange asset finance for business and individuals.
Previous to this studied AAT Accounting 2,3,4 at Truro College.
- Committee experience- treasurer of St Columb YFC in 2010. During this time, I complete ILM Team Leading and gained VInspired VSO certificate for voluntary services to local community. I have audited Southwest Ayshire Breeders Club accounts and St Columb YFC.
- Education Sector experience- I have never directly worked within education sector but relish the prospect to make a difference, as well as opportunity to learn and undertake any training and personal development.