Oswald Road Primary School

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Headteacher: D. Howard



When completed, this form must be returned to the School by 2nd December 2015

Candidate Statement

Please include details about why you would like to be a governor and outline the skills and experience you will bring to the role:

Ali Ayub

I have lived in the Chorlton area all my life and I have strong ties to the community. I am proud to be part of this community and I am also proud to be part of the Oswald Road School community. I have a child in year 2 who joined the school in September 2015 and I have been extremely pleased with the welcome he has received from the staff and pupils. I have also applied for my second child to join the school in September 2016.

I am an active member of my community and I like to be involved in community projects. This includes participating in inter faith activities and raising money for charitable causes.

As a Muslim parent, I believe that I can benefit other parents from different ethnic backgrounds by encouraging them to integrate into the school and help them to play a positive role in their engagement with the school.

I believe in the ethos of the school and strongly believe that I can serve the school as a Parent Governor of Oswald Road Primary School.





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Owen Sedgwick-Jell

Candidate Statement

Please include details about why you would like to be a governor and outline the skills and experience you will bring to the role:

I would like to join the governing body at Oswald Road to make sure the views of parents are heard, and that the school supports all of our children to be happy, stay safe and learn well. I am an experienced manager of people and resources, and also work with children and young people as a volunteer.

If elected, I would work hard on your behalf to make sure that the governing body provides strong direction to the school, constructive challenge to its leadership team, and an effective link between school and the vibrant, diverse community it serves.

I work as a project manager for Woodcraft Folk, a national charity for children and young people. I manage a team of 12 staff developing new groups for children in communities across England, Scotland and Wales. I also volunteer with a local Woodcraft group for 9 to 12 year olds, developing their confidence and awareness of the world through games, discussion and outdoor activities.

Until 2014 I worked for The Co-operative on a wide range of community and education projects. Between 2010 and 2014 I worked on The Co-operative's sponsored academy programme, where I worked closely with governors, school leaders, teachers and support staff on finance, communications, HR and school improvement initiatives. In addition to serving as a school governor myself, I also recruited new governors, planned governor training, and served governing bodies as a clerk.

While I have worked extensively in academies, I would not argue for Oswald Road to pursue academy status. The school's unique identity is best maintained by remaining a part of the local authority's family of schools for the foreseeable future.

Since my son joined the Foundation Stage in September, I have been impressed with the caring approach of the staff team and the rich learning environment the school provides for the children. I look forward to being a part of the Oswald Road school community for many years to come.



