

Ballot Paper

Election of Parent Multi Academy Council member for the period: December 2020 to December 2024.

Two nominations have been received from the following parents, listed on the ballot paper below, wishing to serve as one of Parent Multi Academy Council member on the Cypress school's Multi Academy Council for a four year period.

A ballot is therefore necessary and a ballot paper is below for your use.

You may record one vote for the candidates of your choice. You must not vote more than once for the same candidate.

When completed, votes should be cast in the post box / ballot box, which can be found opposite the entrance to little Cypress at the lower site and at the school gate at Cypress upper site. Postal votes should be forwarded to acypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org clearly endorsed "Parent Multi Academy Council Elections - Ballot Paper".

The closing date and time for votes is Friday 4th December 2020 at 4pm. Votes cast after the closing date and time will be invalid.

Candidates Personal Statements

Alison Marcroft

I am standing as a nominee because I would like to be more involved with Cypress school and be of use wherever I can. I have a son in year 1 and for the last year I have volunteered to help in the school library and take on the role of a reading Aunty, I would simply like to do more!

Before having my son I worked for many years in both the private and public sectors, including regional government, where I had a variety of support and liaison roles, dealing with committees and working with politicians at all levels across the political spectrum. Although these days my main roles are as housewife and Mother, I believe my previous work and life experience means I have something meaningful to offer to the school council.

Although my career went in a different direction, many years ago I started studying to be a Primary School Teacher. I later did several short undergraduate level courses into child language development, which I think is crucial to our children's learning, and their life chances.

I think Cypress is a lovely school, and the more we as parents get involved, hopefully the lovelier and better it will be for our children.

Beverly Nutter

I am standing for the re - election as a parent MAC because I want to continue supporting the dedicated work of the staff, MACs, parents / carers and whole school community, to make cypress the best possible school for our children. I have two children in Year 2 and Year 4, and have been part of the Cypress community since when my oldest was five weeks old! I joined as a parent MAC four years ago just as Cypress become part of the Pegasus Academy Trust, and have seen it go through considerable changes as the school has thrived and improved year on year.

Cypress's community has always been one of its major strengths, and as a MAC, I have always focused on improving communications with parents / carers and helping them to become more aware and involved. I set up regular parent comms groups where parents could raise questions

and discuss issues with Trust leaders; updates from these are shared on the Trust website to keep parents informed. I also bring skills in data analysis, research, and investigation, plus strategic project leadership gained in the public sector, to provide support and constructive challenge to the academy council. In my professional life I work in a high pressure environment where decisions are under scrutiny, so I understand the importance of making sure these are evidence based; I also have lots of experience dealing with the private / public sector partnerships, and working as part of a diverse team, which I've found very useful experience as a MAC.

Work - wise I have over twelve years' experience working in digital forensic with policing, plus two years on academic research, focusing on cybercrime and child protection. I currently work on a major national policing transformation project, where I developed the recently published strategy for digital forensic science.

I am committed to Cypress's future and helping it to continually improve to offer the best education possible for our children, and I would love the chance to continue with to work with the academy council to help Cypress tackle future challenges.

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Candidate	Mark an X to indicate your vote
Alison Marcroft	
Beverly Nutter	

Place an X in the box provided next to the candidate of your choice. No other mark should be made. Incorrectly completed or defaced papers will be invalid.

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