

29th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

We are writing to inform you that the following the request for nominations in respect of the two vacancies for parent governor the following nominations have been received from parents wishing to serve as a parent governor on the school's local governing body for a period of four years.

As we have 2 vacancies and 3 nominated candidates a ballot is therefore necessary. Please vote for 2 candidates using the link below.

[Parent Governor Election Ballot – Fill in form](#)

To assist you in making your choice candidates were asked to provide some information which is below.

Candidate 1.– Julie Schneider

I am a caring, compassionate, and committed individual with a strong passion for supporting young people to achieve their potential. As a SEN teacher, I bring valuable experience in education, inclusion and child development. I coach a variety of sports, developing strong skills in mentoring, motivation and supporting young people. I have helped individuals build confidence, teamwork, and a positive attitude towards learning and personal development.

I have two children at CNCS, one will be doing GCSEs and another will be entering Y8, giving me a parent perspective across different stages of secondary education. Having grow up in several countries, I bring a global community engagement. I would love the opportunity to contribute these experiences and perspectives to support the continued success of the school

Candidate 2.– Ryan O'Sullivan

As a practising Catholic and parent of a daughter at the school, I am committed to supporting its values, success and wider community. I run my own businesses, bringing experience in leadership, organisation, financial responsibility and decision-making. I actively volunteer with the school football team and within the local community, helping to organise events and activities that bring people together. I am passionate about ensuring all students have the opportunity to thrive in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment. As a Parent Governor, I would work collaboratively, listen to different perspectives and contribute positively to the school's continued development and success.

Candidate 3.– Gavin Barnett

I wish to apply for the position of Parent Governor because I am passionate about supporting the school community and helping to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education and opportunities to succeed.

My daughter is weeks away from completing her first year of Cardinal Newman and I have witnessed how far she progressed in this short space of time. As a parent of a child at the school, I have a personal interest in its continued success and in creating an environment where all students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. I believe that effective governance plays a vital role in supporting school leadership, maintaining high standards, and ensuring the best outcomes for pupils.

Voting will take place between 29th June 2026 – 12.00pm and 7th July – 10.00am.

The closing date for the receipt of votes is on **Tuesday 7th July – 10.00am**. Any votes cast after this time will be invalid.

The counting of votes and declaration of result will take place **7th July** and you will be informed of the declaration as soon as possible after this date.

Yours faithfully



Mr Owen Healey
Returning Officer

Mr C Collins
Scrutineer

Ms E O'Connor
Headteacher