

# Candidate Information for the Election of Parent Governor to the Governing Board at Brunswick Park Primary School

## Mike Davies

Hi, my name is Mike Davies and I have two beautiful children at the school: one in Year 5 and the other in Year 2. Both have thrived since they came to Brunswick Park and so I was excited by the opportunity to give something back by representing the parent voice on the Board of Governors.

I work as a senior civil servant in the Department for Education. My jobs there have included responsibility for policy for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. More recently I have been working at NHS England, advocating for more investment in health services for children in the community and have good ties to the Evelina Trust, which is based in Sunshine House in Camberwell.

As such I have a deep understanding of education and health policy, how decisions are made, and the difficult choices that schools have to juggle on a daily basis. I would really like to try and bring that experience to the governing board to help Brunswick Park be as successful as possible.

I have also been a Camberwell resident for 15 years now. I believe that we all have a responsibility to put back into our local communities and that schools are a vital focal point in fostering community cohesion. I'm a very calm and thoughtful person and, if elected, I will bring a parent's perspective to the work of the Governing Body to the best of my ability. Thanks!



## Darren Mason



My name is Darren Mason. I am from Camberwell and my profession is Teacher/Musician. I was born and schooled locally and have two children at Brunswick Park (BPPS): one in Year 2 and one in Reception. I like to be involved in their upbringing and try to be a productive member of the community that I am proud to be part of. I sent my children to Brunswick because of the atmosphere and ethos, and I heard good things about it from others.

My main profession is being a teacher of music. I have taught for 17 years in primary, secondary and adult education and have been responsible for managing many departments and courses over that time. I currently work at Morley College in Lambeth as a Lecturer for HND/BA Music Performance and Production.

The other part of my profession is being a musician - I write and perform songs and music in my own name. I perform regularly around London. I started off by playing the tuba in primary school. I am passionate about the impact music can make to education.

I have had some first-hand experience of life in BPPS. This academic year I covered some of the music teacher's maternity leave from September 2021 - March 2022 (Paula Hales, who I helped train many years ago).

I taught Years 5 and 6 working one day a week.

I very much enjoyed my experience at the school, getting to know the children, the realities, the vibe, etc. While working at the school I pledged that I would continue to help in any way that I could. That is why I want to be a parent governor.

The children have so much potential and as a community member I want them all to do well.

Being a parent governor, I feel I can contribute to the development and progress of the school by offering my experience in education, educational institutions and as a parent of children in the school. I feel I have a unique outlook/view, having previously worked at BPPS, that could help to build understanding between the school and the parents. I am experienced in policy, teaching methods and training, and in working with children. I feel I have the passion, will, time and dedication to be successful in the role. I am also keen to learn more about how to help the school to progress and continue to improve.

I very much hope that you will consider me when you cast your vote. Thank you.