

Personal Statement Fiona Cleator

I have previously been a parent governor at Sulby School. I did not put myself forward for re-election as my daughter Úna Cleator had already left Sulby and now is in year 8 at Ramsey Grammar. My other two children are entering their final years at Sulby and I was hoping to get an opportunity at some point to apply for parent governor at Ramsey Grammar.

I am a very active supporter of Sulby School both whilst as a parent governor and a member of the PTA. I feel it is extremely important to support my children's school to enable them to provide the best for my children and the other pupils. My children love to see my active involvement, it sets an example of how important participation is to influence the collective good. I personally secured a sponsor to erect the new school playground equipment which saved the school approximately £8,000. As a PTA member myself and the team have raised over £10,000 this academic year to date through a variety of events which helps support the school. This year we paid for a new school library with this funding as a lot of the books were dated and deemed not suitable. We are now working on raising funds to upgrade the reading and phonics curriculum for all class years. This is an ambitious target as it will cost in the region of £20,000 to do all year groups.

My background in industry, running my own IT company, has given me vast experience in the importance of training and education. It is also very important to engage with industry to help support the pupils and I have a great network of contacts in this area. We always supported Jo Davies Career Ready program at Ramsey Grammar and sponsored a student each year, ensuring that they had a proper induction to working life over the 6 weeks. Also, I feel my experience in attending formal monthly board meetings at my Company and my previous role at Sulby gives me the necessary understanding of how the governing body role and meetings works.

I support the fantastic changes that have been made over last 12 months at Ramsey Grammar. I would value the opportunity to work with the governing body and assist the current management team to continue to achieve at Ramsey Grammar and enhance the learning opportunities and experience of all its pupils. I feel I have a lot to offer.

Yours sincerely

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