



# Shinfield Infant and Nursery School

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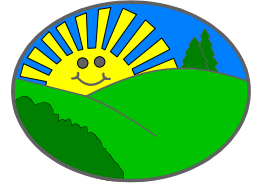
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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Election of Parent Local Advisor

You will recall that I wrote to you a short while ago notifying you of the vacancy for a Parent Local Advisor on the school's Local Advisory Board.

I am writing now to advise you that more nominations than vacancies have been received and therefore a ballot will be held.

Nominations have been received from:

### Name of Candidate

Carlos Medina Cuba

Jacob Woodfield

### Personal Statements

Carlos Medina Cuba

Hello, my name is Carlos, and as a parent of two children in Year 1 and Year 4, I am deeply passionate about ensuring that all children have the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and enriching school environment. I believe that the early years of education are pivotal, not only for academic development but also for nurturing confidence, creativity, and emotional well-being. My motivation to join the Local Advisory Board comes from a heartfelt commitment to helping children achieve their full potential.

Professionally, I work as a Data Specialist, where I collaborate with diverse teams to solve complex problems and manage relationships with various stakeholders. While my role often involves interpreting and using data to guide decisions, I fully appreciate that there are challenges that require empathy, open discussions, and collaboration. Listening to different perspectives and building consensus are very important when it comes to addressing the needs of a school community.

My experiences as both a parent and a professional have given me the ability to approach challenges thoughtfully and compassionately. I understand the importance of fostering strong relationships between parents, educators, and the wider school community to create the best possible environment for children to learn and grow.

By joining the Local Advisory Board, I hope to bring my skills, perspective, and genuine passion for children's education to the table. I am committed to contributing to decisions and initiatives that ensure every child has a positive, meaningful school experience - one that lays a strong foundation for their future.



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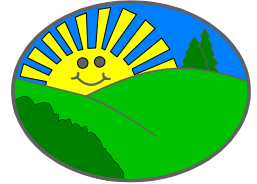
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## Jacob Woodfield

Professionally, I work for a cybersecurity organisation focused on safeguarding AI technologies and protecting the privacy rights of individuals worldwide. This role builds on the foundation of my First-Class Honours degree in Ethical Hacking, which I completed over a decade ago.

In my personal life, I serve as the Chairperson of Spencers Wood Village Hall, where I oversee the strategic management of this vital community asset. During my 2.5 years in this role, I have driven visible improvements to the building both internally and externally as well secured its financial stability - achievements I am incredibly proud of.

As a parent of two young children - Apollo (5) and Calliope (almost 1) - I am deeply invested in the well-being and development of our local community. I would be honoured to bring my experience in charity management and my professional skillset to the Local Advisory Board. My aim is to help strengthen our school's role as a key community resource and to enhance the educational and personal opportunities available to our children and families.

We are using an online voting system, [Choice Voting](#), in order to deliver this election. This secure software allows one unique vote per parent or carer of a registered pupil or pupils at this school. You will receive an email direct from the system with your unique link to vote.

We recommend that you check your "Other" or spam folder if you have not received or do not shortly receive your unique link to your main inbox. If you experience any issues in receiving the link, please contact Sharon Ketley, Governance Officer at [ShinfieldGovernanceOfficer@thecircletrust.co.uk](mailto:ShinfieldGovernanceOfficer@thecircletrust.co.uk)

Attached are the personal election statements submitted by the candidates – you will also find these uploaded to the election system.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. Voting will close on Monday 10 February at 10am. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

The result of the election will be posted on the school website after the count and will be notified to all parents and carers. If in the meantime you have any queries, please contact me at [head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

Nicky Lauchlan  
Headteacher  
Returning Officer



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