

Martin Gibbins statement

I have two children at Fortismere School - in years 10 and 7. I would be delighted to become a parent governor at Fortismere to help build on the success and achievements, whilst helping deliver an excellent, well-balanced life and school experience for the students, staff and wider community.

I have been a governor at a local school for 7 years and have practical, working knowledge of the complex running and management needs of school premises. One of my main roles has been ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff. I have assisted in upgrading the inside and outside of the school to provide high quality facilities that better support day-to-day teaching and learning, hugely important for a conducive place to learn, work and achieve.

I am a qualified architect specialising in school design and a Design Advisor for the Department for Education, setting standards relating to the design and operation of schools. A good school should support the education, aspirations, health and wellbeing of all users, and this is something that I would strive to ensure at Fortismere.

As the school embarks on the rebuilding project, I believe my knowledge and experience would be particularly useful to help drive the strategic vision and aspirations of the school through design to delivery. I would help ensure continuity of educational standards during the project as well as ensuring the final buildings provide a high quality learning environment and place to work.

I believe I can add a great deal to the school and governing body, to help support and continue great learning outcomes. Thank you