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Dear parent/carer

**Parent Governor Election**

My letter of 18 April invited self-nominations for the role of parent governor on our federation governing body. The deadline for self-nominations was noon on Monday 30 April 2018.

If the number of nominations was less than or equal to the number of vacancies (two) then, as outlined in that letter, the candidate(s) would be deemed elected unopposed.

A self-nomination was received from Wes Ball, a Victoria parent and parent governor of the former Victoria School governing body; and from Nicola Spanswick, a Thomas Coram parent (whose child previously attended Swing Gate Infant School) and parent governor on the former Thomas Coram governing body.

**Therefore, as the number of self-nominations received was equal to the number of vacancies, both Wes and Nicola are elected unopposed.**

About Wes Ball	About Nicola Spanswick
<i>As a parent governor for nearly two years I helped shepherd Victoria through a change of head and the federation process. I have a strong understanding of how good governance will make the new arrangement a success for pupils at Thomas Coram and Victoria - something that, as a parent, is front of mind. As a senior communications professional in financial services and, before that, politics I know how important involving people and speaking up is in getting the right decision.</i>	<i>When I was elected as a parent governor earlier this year, I promised commitment, enthusiasm and a burning desire to improve every child's experiences and opportunities. I would feel very honoured to carry on with this work as your governor. I will continue to learn, listen, challenge, be creative and collaborative while keeping our children with all their differences at the heart of any decision making.</i>

Along with our newly elected staff governor, Mr Donald (one of the current Year 3 teachers at Thomas Coram), these appointments complete our new federation governing body – all of whom are named on our federation website [www.castlefederation.org](http://www.castlefederation.org).

I'm sure you'll wish to join me in congratulating them: they bring a welcome variety of experience, background, skills and perspective to our team of governors.

Yours sincerely

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