



Dear Sir/Madam

You wish to encourage parents to discuss local politics with their children. A noble objective. Politics is relevant to everyone in society.

I do indeed discuss politics with my children. Sadly, those discussions necessarily revolve around the utterly incredible political situation facing this Island at the present time. Specifically that we are being represented by a number of ill-mannered, ill-educated, ill-informed individuals who are more intent on feeding their own ego's, demonstrating the unashamed politics of envy, and displaying astonishing negativity.

Over recent months I have attempted to explain a number of significant 'developments' in the States Chamber to my children. Some of which has been uncomfortable because I would rather my children hear about role-models than put notions in their young heads about how badly behaved some people in power can be.

Most of us are busy earning a living, getting on in a society which is blessed with natural beauty and has a well functioning public service. I am grateful every day that my children receive a wonderful education, we have access to top quality health services etc. etc. Sadly, rather than doing the same, politicians in Jersey seem intent on talking everything down. Self fulfilling prophecy looming? I hope not.

Maybe, rather than patronising parents in this manner, you would be better placed spending my hard earned tax money on ensuring a level of understanding, appreciation and professionalism amongst your peers to allow you all to get on and actually do some politics. Then we really would have something interesting and constructive to tell our children.

Sadly, the manner in which local politics has not only tolerated, but partaken in and even encouraged, deeply personal and vicious attacks on individual's means I prefer to remain anonymous.