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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Election of Parent Governor for the period: November 2019 – November 2023

Nominations have been received from the following parents listed on the ballot paper below wishing to serve as parent governor on the school's governing board for a four year period.

A ballot is therefore necessary and a ballot paper is below for your use.

You may record **one** vote for the candidate of your choice. ***You must not vote more than once for the same candidate.***

When completed, votes should be cast in the ballot box situated in the main reception. Postal votes should be forwarded to me by first class post and clearly endorsed "Parent Governor Elections - Ballot Paper".

The closing date for votes is *Friday 8th November at 9.30am*. Votes cast after the closing date will be invalid.

Candidates Personal Statements

Louise Watson

Personal Statement

I would like to be considered as a parent governor at Rakegate. My daughter is currently in year 1 and I would like to take the opportunity to be involved in how the school is run. I am a manager for a coffee shop chain but I want to be able to see how the school is run and be a part of it while my child develops at Rakegate. In '99 I left Rakegate as a pupil and have been fortunate enough to have travelled the world and work alongside and meet some incredible people and I am passionate about ensuring as many young people get a better start than me and Rakegate is where it began.

Jamie Gunn

Personal Statement

I am a mum to three children; the youngest has just started in Reception and the older two are in local secondary schools. Our family lives on the Rakegate estate and we are keen to support the school as we believe that it is essential for our community and to ensure that the school can do the best for its learners, our children. Communication between the school and parents plays a vital role in maintaining success and I want to play a part in continuing this hard work. I have worked in education for 12 years as a lecturer and this experience would be beneficial to the role as I have a wide range of skills, such as being able to analyse many viewpoints and reading reports. Additionally, I marked for an exam board demonstrating my keenness to develop my professionalism and understanding of my subject to benefit students. The skills developed from being a lecturer



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would aid my ability to contribute to the governing team. Last year, however, I decided to leave education and now work as a Firefighter for West Midlands Fire Service. Despite the major change in employment, education still holds a significant value with me and I would like to offer my experience to support the children's education. From my background in teaching, working in the fire service and completing my Masters in Public Sector Policy and Practice, I feel that I am well equipped to stand as parent governor. I am a hard working individual and I am keen to work with the school to achieve the best.

Nafeesa Kharait

Personal Statement

I currently have two children at Rakegate School, a daughter in year 6 and a son in year 3. Rakegate is a wonderful school. I would like to become a part of the fantastic team. I would like to play my part in maintaining and supporting the school by offering my services as a governor. I have lived in the area for 3 years and have since then become a stay at home mum to further support my children and spend quality time with them. My expertise are in the education sector with 15 years experience, which ranges from children aged 3 months to 11 years. My experience includes working as senior leadership in early years and in management/supervisory roles in primary school. I believe the voice and involvement of the parents is very important in the running of a school. I believe I am the best candidate for the role as I am both an avid listener and have a wealth of knowledge to support and contribute.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Horton
Headteacher

Ballot Paper for Rakegate Primary School Governing Board

Election of Parent Governor for the period: 4 years

Candidate	Mark an X to indicate your vote
Louise Watson	
Jamie Gunn	
Nafeesa Kharait	

Place an X in the box provided next to the name of candidate of your choice. Only one vote allowed. No other mark should be made. **Incorrectly completed or defaced papers will be invalid.**

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