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Dear Parent/Carer

Election of Parent Governor Nominations

I am delighted to announce that we have had four applications for the role of Parent Governor at Strood Academy.

We will now enter an election, as there is only one position available. You are invited to vote using the survey which will be emailed to you. If you require a ballot paper to be posted to you, please contact me at the Academy on 01634 717121 or via email on sarah.west@stroodacademy.org

Overleaf are the personal statements from the candidates.

Voting will close at **3.15pm** on **Monday 13 November 2017**.

Thank you in advance for your support of the election process. The successful candidate will be announced via Parentmail on Tuesday 14 November.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah West
Executive Assistant

Parent Governor Election Candidates

Caroline Chandler

The values and perspectives of parents are crucial at this stage of their child's development. All parents want the best for their children and I am fully committed to assist with monitoring data, setting and reviewing strategic priorities and policies and helping to shape and model the future of Strood Academy. As a Parent Governor I will actively support the Management Team with an aim of achieving excellence for our children, both educational and social.

Vicky Diprose

I have three children at Strood Academy, each in different colleges. One has ADHD, another is awaiting a diagnosis of ASD. All my children have had different experiences within the school and due to their differing needs, I have had lots of involvement with the school. I have experience in child care previously being a manager at a nursery and have held a child protection officers position. I have a down to earth, non-judgmental outlook with lots of life experiences. I truly believe that Strood Academy is a good school and that I can help the school continue its growth.

Karen Harper

I feel very passionate about child education and that all children should deserve the very best opportunities to reach their full potential. I am currently a children's centre hub manager and have an enthusiastic drive to reach the families in my area. **Supporting** the early years to ensure school readiness and all round development. I feel I am a very positive person who is approachable and very capable in working with other professionals. I care about my child's education and feel I can be a part of the team of parent governors to offer support and guidance to maintain the school ethos, strategy and agenda.

Samantha Yacomine

I am a 42-year-old mother of two, my eldest son is in Year 8 at Strood Academy. I work part time at a secondary school and part of my role is to work closely with our Clerk to Governors, producing and maintaining all relevant Governor documents. Prior to having children, I worked in Investment Banking for 10 years, ultimately managing a team. I am interested in all aspects of education, in particular pupil progress and behaviour. I believe I am balanced and objective in my views and would support staff but also represent the views of parents and pupils.