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Dear Parents

RE. Parent Governor Election- Voting Now Open

Following our communication on 24 February 2025, regarding the Parent Governor vacancy, as we have more candidates than available positions, a ballot is required. We are pleased to announce that the election process is now open.

Please carefully review the candidate statements provided below.

To cast your vote, please [click here](#).

Important Information:

- Each parent is entitled to one vote.
- The deadline for submitting your vote is **Wednesday 9 April 2025**.
- All votes will remain strictly confidential.

For any questions regarding the election process, please contact the school office at office@grangeparkprimary.org.

Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Yours sincerely

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher

Julie Rayson
Chair of LGB at Grange Park Primary School

Please see statements below

Candidate A: Felicity Weston

I'm a parent of two children at the school in Reception and Year 3 and I am keen to support the long-term success of the school. I think the school is outstanding in so many ways, and I welcome the opportunity to shape and steer the school to maintain and improve its educational standards. I am keen to have an impact on the next generation and I think a governor role is a great opportunity to do that.

Particular skills and experience relevant to the role: I have worked as a solicitor for nearly 15 years, specialising in Employment Law. I am confident that my professional experience and personal qualities will be valuable to the Local Governing Body.

Education: I'm invested in supporting the education, wellbeing, behaviour and attendance of all children at school, as these are such important foundational years. At work, I mentor junior colleagues and assist with graduate recruitment. Through supporting school pupils at "employability" workshops I have seen the importance of workplace links, and encouraging ambition and confidence from an early age.

Strategy, communication and evaluation: I can bring my experience of delivering strategic and commercial advice to consider how school initiatives will impact staff, pupils, parents and the local community. I regularly support leadership teams with change projects, from planning through to implementation. This will help me work with leadership to transitioning new ideas into action.

Governance: Good governance is at the heart of my professional role. I can bring my experience of engaging, steering and responding to senior leadership to this role.

Technology and striving for better: I strive to build and deliver technical solutions for clients, in line with the school's ethos as a Google Reference School. Working with data analytics and tech specialists, I have designed and built 3 technology-driven solutions, adapting how we deliver advice and support clients with analytics.

Partnering and challenge: I like to create good working relationships built on partnership and collaboration: I am friendly and approachable and strongly believe in a joint team approach. I offer challenge in a respectful and constructive way.

Confidentiality and professionalism: I recognise the importance of confidentiality and trust, upholding values such as integrity and accountability.

Other interests: When I was the treasurer of Trent Park Running Club I drove impactful change, successfully transitioning 300+ members from cash and cheque payments to online subscriptions, and supported a review of the Club's constitution.

Candidate B: Sam Tremayne

As a parent to three boys who are in Year 2, pre-school, and one who will (hopefully) be joining the school in two years' time - I am extremely invested in the long-term health and future of Grange Park.

I believe parent governors have three primary roles: to ensure the school has a clear vision, ethos and direction; to help ensure the educational performance of the school; and to help oversee an efficient use of budget to the betterment of every child attending the school.

My job gives me experience in all three areas: I am a department head at one of the world's foremost sports rights holders. It is my responsibility to set a strategic vision; to set objectives in accordance with that vision; to use data to evaluate against those KPIs; and to build and manage a team and devolved budget in order to deliver upon the collective targets.

The motivation behind my application is a love of what a positive education - not always purely academic - can do for children. My mum has spent her entire career in special needs education, and my extended family are in education and child protection. From first hand accompanying school trips and running stands at school fetes, it is clear what an incredible role and potential Grange Park has in our children's lives. It would be a privilege to turn my skills to the hopeful benefit of Grange Park and its students.

Candidate C: Mariam Zaman

I am interested in becoming a parent governor as I am committed to ensuring that all children receive the highest quality education and the best opportunities to succeed. As the Head of Mathematics at local school, I bring extensive experience in curriculum development, data analysis, and student attainment—key areas that contribute to effective school governance.

With eight years of experience as a staff governor, I have developed a strong understanding of school policies, financial oversight, and strategic decision-making. This has enabled me to work closely with senior leadership teams to drive school improvement, enhance teaching standards, and improve student outcomes.

As an active member of the People Committee, I have gained valuable experience in recruitment processes, having been involved in appointing various middle and senior leadership positions, including a new headteacher. This experience has strengthened my ability to assess leadership qualities and ensure that the right individuals are in place to support the school's vision and goals.

Additionally, in my role as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, I uphold the highest standards of confidentiality and integrity, ensuring the welfare of students remains a top

priority.

As a parent, I have a vested interest in the success of the school community and a strong desire to contribute to its ongoing development. My ability to analyse data, ask challenging yet constructive questions, and provide strategic support to school leadership makes me well-suited for this role. I believe that my combination of educational expertise, governance experience, and collaborative approach will allow me to make a meaningful impact as a parent governor, supporting the school in delivering outstanding education for all pupils.

Candidate D: Liz Bundy

Becoming a Parent Governor is an opportunity to have a positive impact on not only my child's education, but for the wider School Community. As a teacher in a high achieving Secondary School, I will strive to foster a unique perspective and skill set that can be highly valuable to Grange Park Primary School Governing Body.

As an experienced teacher, I have a key understanding of the progression of education from Primary to Secondary School. This experience allows me to offer valuable insights into how primary education can continue to grow and develop, whilst maintaining high standards of education and resources. I will be able to contribute to curriculum discussions and other strategies to enhance the transition between the different key stages of education, preparing our students for their next steps through their educational journey.

My pastoral role within my school and my Netball Club provides me with a unique set of skills and my commitment to the well-being and development of young people. I will be able to offer a compassionate voice in discussions about student welfare, behaviour and safeguarding to help the school ensure that all students are met in a caring and understanding manner, whilst fostering an open communication between the school and the parent community. My frequent interactions with students and young people from various faiths and cultural backgrounds provides a greater insight into the importance of inclusivity and support. I feel it's invaluable to have a diverse parent body representation to ensure that the school caters to the wide range of varied needs for students, helping to create an environment where everyone feels heard and supported which will contribute towards an improved a more positive school culture.

As a parent, teacher and committee member I have been fortunate to have opportunities that have allowed me to expand my understanding of the delicate balance between promoting well-being and academic achievement. This demonstrates my ability to build strong relationships, leadership skills as well as mentorship skills. These qualities are directly transferable to the role of a Parent Governor, where strategic thinking, guidance and support are integral to the school's approach to students' academic progress and their emotional health. I understand first-hand how important pastoral care is in creating a supportive school environment that allows students to thrive. It's important to acknowledge and to create opportunities for students to develop both academically and personally.

I hope that this role as Parent Governor will allow me to support and strengthen the school to achieve its mission to provide the best possible education for all students.

Candidate E: Arani Myhill

I'm excited to apply for the role of Parent Governor at Grange Park Primary School—a school that has played a significant role in my family's life. Both of my children have attended Grange Park, with one still here, so I understand the importance of a nurturing, supportive, and inspiring school environment where all children can thrive.

I am passionate about education and creating opportunities for young minds to grow, develop, and succeed. Schools are the foundation of our children's future, and I want to use my experience to support Grange Park in providing the best possible education for every child.

As a senior leader in a global digital firm, I bring extensive leadership experience in strategy, governance, and stakeholder engagement. I have spent 20 years working with leadership teams to drive meaningful change, improve services, and ensure organisations remain focused on the people they serve. My role involves solving complex challenges, bringing people together, and making sure every voice is heard—skills that would help me contribute effectively as a Parent Governor.

Beyond my professional work, I am passionate about mentorship and nurturing future talent. I lead the global Women's Network at my organisation and actively mentor women in technology, supporting their growth and career development. This experience has strengthened my commitment to creating inclusive, empowering environments where individuals—especially young people—can reach their full potential.

I also have direct experience in governance, working closely with leadership teams to shape strategies, ensure accountability, and drive continuous improvement. I believe in listening to different perspectives, asking the right questions, and making sure parents' voices are represented in school decisions.

If elected, I will work hard to support the school's leadership, champion parents' views, and help ensure Grange Park continues to be a place where every child can flourish. I would love the opportunity to contribute to the school's continued success and make a positive impact on our children's education.