



2 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you on 9 January 2026 to invite nominations for a parent governor.

I am delighted to say that there are two candidates for the one vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

The two nominations have been received from:

- **Sarah-Louise Ellis – Personal Statement**

I have lived in the local area most of my life and I attended the school myself when it was known as Rising Brook High School and was proud to have achieved 9 A-C grade in my GCSE's, currently my daughter attends Stafford Manor High School and is in year 10.

I am a fully qualified Nursery Nurse and SENCO as well as having a number of Retail Management and Hospitality qualifications at varied levels, and most recently I achieved a level 5 in Employment law through online learning. I have been extremely lucky to have had a varied experience but always customer and team focused which is where my passion lies being able to help people. I am extremely focused on continuous development and getting the most out of opportunities and feel all these skills will be extremely useful in the role of Parent Governor and hope that I could be a part of helping the school on its own journey of continuous development.

- **Sara Lee – Personal Statement**

I put myself forward for parent governor because I am passionate about the power of education to support every child to reach their full potential. I believe that parents can provide unique viewpoints to the governing board, which can help support the school in providing the best quality education. School and its policies have a direct impact on families, so it is important to take parents' views into account. I would value the opportunity to be involved in this process and make a difference.

I am a good listener, honest, respectful, open and committed person. Through parenting two children, one with SEND needs attending Stafford Manor, I developed skills in empathy, negotiation and adaptability.

During my time on my local doctor's patients' forum, I gained experience in advocating patients' views, supporting and challenging healthcare providers, to get quality healthcare. I feel the skills I gained here would help to get parents' views listened to and considered by the board.

Head Teacher Mr Rhys Adams (BA Hons, M Ed, NPQH)
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As a rural services manager for a charity and as founder of a creative community, I developed managerial skills (planning, reviewing, understanding strategic visions and financial management).

I consider it vitally important for a parent governor to listen to other parents' views to give a balanced parental perspective to the board.

I believe that my experiences, commitment and belief in the potential power of the parental voice put me in a good position to work with the school helping all children reach their full potential within a thriving school community.

Each parent can submit only one vote and you can do this by clicking on the [link](#). You should vote by marking a YES alongside the candidate you support by Friday 13 February at 12.00 noon.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

When the election has been completed, I will let you know the outcome. If you have any queries in the meantime, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Marshall
Returning Officer