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Dear Parent/Carer,

Election of Parent Governors at Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate

We wrote to all parents and carers on **9th September** to ask for nominations to fill the **two** roles of parent governor on our Academy Council. I am pleased to say that we now have four nominations, who are, in alphabetical order:

Mr Adrian Berry

Mrs Samantha Jackson

Mrs Rebecca Johnson

Mr Nicholas Meachin

The role of governor is an important one. Our aim must be to ensure that children leave our school as good citizens, able to have rewarding and fulfilling lives.

There are six Academy Council meetings each year and, as well as attending the majority of these, governors should also come into to school from time to time to gain an understanding of the performance of the school and to help staff with particular tasks and activities, such as disciplinary matters; representing parents views and concerns; safeguarding; health and safety and so forth.

Please could you return the attached slip to the academy with your vote for the **two** candidates that you would wish to be governors for the coming year by **Friday 15th October**. The two chosen governors will then be invited to the next Academy Council meeting.

With best regards,



Mr R Wood

Chairman of Governors

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Adrian Berry

I believe that my experiences as a company director and parent have equipped me with the skills and values to be a member of the council.

Helping others to grow and act responsibly has been my core role in all of the roles across my career and life, parenting being the biggest responsibility and reward on all fronts.

I hope that the values I hold, the experience I have gained and the willingness and enthusiasm I have to help others do well will stand me in good stead for this nomination.

Samantha Jackson

I believe I will make a good candidate for the role of Parent Governor at Lofthouse Gate Primary Academy as before having children of my own, I taught within a Primary School (St Michael's CE Academy) for 8 years specialising within the Early Years. I feel confident that my experience being a class teacher within Reception will bring many desired attributes to the role. I am a confident yet extremely friendly and approachable person with a passion for providing children with exciting, fun and valuable experiences. My little boy, Jay Jackson, has just started Nursery within your school and is already enjoying the challenges that Lofthouse Gate Primary Academy has brought to him and I would love to be able to be a part of your school and enjoy the journey alongside him, hopefully sharing what I have learnt myself over my own teaching career.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement and I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Mrs Rebecca Johnson

I would like to become involved with the Academy Council, as I want the school to achieve the best for all the children and all those involved, because like all parents, I want the best for my own child. School plays a significant part in a child's life and builds the foundations for their life. It's imperative that they all have the best possible education and experience at school and feel that school is a safe place for them to be.

Throughout my career in HR, I have gained valuable experience in dealing with various situations that have given me the skills that I think would be needed within the Academy Council. I pride myself on being empathic and always looking at how to improve things for others, whilst still maintaining a commercially viable approach to issues.

I am used to having difficult conversations or making difficult decisions and how these can affect others. I am not afraid to ask questions to ensure that an outcome is fair and ethical. I always try to incorporate my key values into everything I do and believe that I have integrity and a belief that what I do, with a want to help others .

Nicholas Meachin

I am relatively new to the school with a daughter in year 1. I also have nieces in year 1 and reception. I have lived in the area for the majority of my life and have an invested interest in the community. I have a background in finance with many years experience in financial planning. In my current role as business intelligence manager, I have acquired unique skills in data analysis and presentation, which I believe will be beneficial in helping the school to analyse performance, budgets, attainment gaps and pinpoint where the school needs to be doing more for our children. From my training and experience in project management, I have learnt how to highlight and challenge areas of concern which will ensure the school remains on track with their targets and performance. I am not afraid of asking the difficult questions if necessary on behalf of all the children to guarantee they can fulfil their potential in a healthy and safe environment regardless of background, special educational needs or disabilities. I would hope to be an asset to the school and would relish the opportunity to make a difference to the education of the children at Lofthouse Gate.

Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate

Election of TWO Parent Governors

Ballot Paper

To be returned to the academy by FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Note: One vote is permitted from the parent/legal guardian/carer of children currently attending the school.

Name of the Candidate	Please mark X against the names of TWO candidates
Mr Adrian Berry	
Mrs Samantha Jackson	
Mrs Rebecca Johnson	
Mr Nicholas Meachin	