

## **Personal Statement for the Role of Parent Governor at RGS**

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Parent Governor at RGS. As a mother of three, with two sons currently attending RGS and a daughter who is a former pupil, I have a strong personal connection to the school and its community. Over the past twenty years of parenting, I have had exposure to six different schools that my children have attended; across two countries, giving me a broad perspective on education and a deep appreciation for the role schools play in shaping young people's futures.

In addition to my parenting experience, I bring a decade of corporate work experience, which has honed my skills in strategic thinking, problem-solving, and leadership. In more recent years, I have transitioned away from the corporate world to embrace homesteading, managing a small farm with sheep, bees, and growing vegetables. This shift has taught me resilience, resourcefulness, and a deep commitment to hard work—values I believe are important in the education and development of our young people.

Alongside my personal and professional experiences, I am passionate about supporting and engaging with our youth. I have been involved with RGS in a part-time role as an Exams Invigilator, where I've gained insight into the inner workings of the school. I also volunteer with SUMT on Drop Down days within schools in the north and serve in the Kids and Youth Ministries at my church. These roles have deepened my understanding of the challenges students face and have further fuelled my desire to be an active contributor to their development and success.

Over the past two years, I have been inspired by the positive changes Mrs. Taylor and her staff have implemented at RGS. Their dedication to improving the school is evident, and I would love the opportunity to support them in this journey. I believe that with my unique combination of a parent's perspective and my hands-on experience within the school, I could bring valuable insights and a collaborative approach to the role of Parent Governor.

Ultimately, my goal as a Parent Governor would be to work alongside the staff and other governors to create an environment that nurtures the potential of every student, supporting their academic, social, and emotional growth. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the future of RGS and the success of the students within it.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Suellen Daniel