SYDENHAM SCHOOL

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

FULL NAME Kate Burls

I AM A PARENT/CARER OF THE FOLLOWING STUDENT(S) AT SYDENHAM SCHOOL: Georgia Burls

I AM STANDING FOR ELECTION AS A PARENT GOVERNOR BECAUSE:
(Supporting statement – please, no more than 100 words)

I would love to support Sydenham's leaders in their efforts to ensure young women across our community benefit from the best possible education.

I work at national charity the Education Endowment Foundation, supporting schools and nurseries to close the disadvantage gap and improve teaching quality.

Before that, I taught English in comprehensive secondaries in South and East London and worked in community development supporting children's organisations in Lewisham.

For the last 8 years I've been an active and supportive Vice Chair of Governors at a Lewisham primary school. I would love to build on this as a Sydenham parent governor.

I wish to serve as a Parent Governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I have read the rules regarding the eligibility to become a Parent Governor, which I received with the nomination form, and I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a School Governor.

Signed: Kate Burls

Date: 30/10/2026

Please return this form (pages 6 – 8) to Pauline Johnson (HeadsPA@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk) by Friday, 30th October 2026 by 12 noon.