PERSONAL STATEMENT

NAME: **Ruth Harris**
SCHOOL: **Gordonbrock**
CHILD'S CLASS: **Topaz 3**

I AM STANDING FOR ELECTION AS A PARENT GOVERNOR BECAUSE:

I want to work with Gordonbrock and Eliot Bank to improve inclusion and support to children with Additional Needs.

I work as a Speech & Language Therapist and have professional expertise in SEN, behaviour difficulties and mental health issues in children. I work closely with many schools in this role.

Our two year old son has Special Educational Needs (SEN) so I also have a strong personal interest in making the schools inclusive for all children.

We live on Amyruth Road, so have a longstanding connection to Gordonbrock School (including the rebuild in 2011-12!).

This year our eldest son, Joe started in Reception at Gordonbrock. Like many parents I can see the great strengths of the school, as well as areas that could be developed.

I work part-time and am on the Gordonbrock playground several days a week, making me available to speak to other parents about their ideas or concerns.

I believe that the combination of my personal commitment and professional skills will help me to be an effective Parent Governor who is able to represent the views of a wide range of parents, including those whose children have additional challenges.