

Governor Profiles

Richard Hunter (Chair) – Co-opted Governor

I have been a Headteacher and Executive Headteacher for almost 30 years and now am a School Improvement Partner in several Local Authorities. I have worked in Education in many countries, been a governor in a range of schools and am also a member of the Board of a successful Multi Academy Trust.

Karen Deville (Deputy Head Teacher) – Co-opted Governor

I have worked for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham since I qualified as a teacher almost 30 years ago. I have worked in three different schools within the Borough, specialised in Early Years Practice and currently work as the Deputy Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead at Parsloes Primary. I have a passion for children to be encouraged to be unique individuals, have the greatest of dreams and to always have high aspirations. I have four children who all attended Parsloes during their early school life. I am committed to making a difference to the lives of our young people.

Beverley Fairweather – Observer Governor

I have worked at Parsloes Primary School for almost 30 years, starting when my own children were in primary school. I have always worked in the office and am currently the office and HR manager. I was a parent Governor in a local primary school many years ago when my children attended there. I have an interest in pupils not only learning the core subjects in primary school but also having an opportunity to explore other areas and interests.

Jade Hopeton (Vice Chair) - Co-opted Governor

During my teaching career, I have worked in 3 different London boroughs as well as having experience of working in schools in Birmingham. I have been a subject leader of many curriculum subjects, provided borough training to Student Teachers and Early Career Teachers, Phase Leader and am currently an Assistant Headteacher at a school in Tower Hamlets. Having previously worked at Parsloes, I am familiar with the children, families and staff at the school and am passionate to ensure that our children received the best education possible to help them achieve their full potential.

Jonathan Chase - Co-opted Governor

After 14 years of working within the finance industry working on everything from pensions to managing supplier relationships at Barclays Finance, I re-trained and have spent the last 15 years working in education. I have been a class teacher, lead practitioner, Phase leader and now the Assistant Head and Curriculum Lead at a local primary school.

Muazzam Sandhu - Parent Governor

I have been serving as Parent Governor since 2014 and during this period, I served as Parent Governor in Newham and Barking and Dagenham. I am a practicing solicitor and have expertise and skills that enable me to perform better for the school governing body. Being a School Governor enables me to ensure the future of our schools and children is secured and supported. I am passionate about supporting opportunities for young people. I have a commitment to ensure rights for all. I am an advocate for social inclusion, diversity, equal opportunities for underrepresented groups and upholding the British values.

<u>Chris Cox</u>

I have worked in the financial services industry for the past 19 years, spending 14 years at the Bank of England before extending my experience at a global investment bank to date. During my time at the BoE, I spent most of this time on a trading desk (foreign exchange, money markets) before moving to a role in conduct. I now work as a Conduct Expert looking to improve behaviours and culture in financial markets. Outside of work, I have 2 young children and enjoy a range of sports including tennis, cycling, and running. I look forward to using this governor platform to help improve the education and outcomes for the children and all stakeholders.

Gilbert Gbedawo

I am currently the Head of Science Department in a Secondary School in Havering. I have been a science and mathematics teacher for the past 27 years. Education is my passion and I am bringing years of experience as a teacher, a father and a pastor to my new role as a parent governor in Parsloes Primary School. Parsloes Primary School is very dear to our hearts as parents because it a school that makes a great difference in the lives of young children. All our children attended, are attending and will attend Parsloes Primary School and I am delighted to serve as a parent governor.