



Meet the Board of Governors - May 2021

Co-opted Governors



Hannah Panaviotou

I have been a civil servant, working mainly in the Home Office since 2000, working on international crime. I have one child at the school and have had the privilege to be chair of the Board for the third consecutive year. I am the Chair of the Board of Governors.



Dipti Babhanja

Coming from a financial background, I have a passion for financial efficiency & best value. Premises, finance and health & safety are my key areas. Having also been a staff governor I feel privileged to play a part in improving children's education.



Dave Cooper

Formerly a teacher I became a parent governor whilst my sons were at Oliver Goldsmith, I am now a Co-opted governor. I am particularly proud of the school's dedication to the creative arts and am very interested in teaching and learning standards and health and safety.



Nick Rozanski

I am a safeguarding governor, Chair of the Finance Committee and a former Chair of Governors. I work in IT, and we have lived in Kingsbury since 1989. All three of our children had a wonderful education at Oliver Goldsmith Primary School.



Dennis Varcoe

I have been a governor for the best part of 20 years. I take a particular interest in ensuring that we have a building which provide as stimulating learning environment and a curriculum that enables the students to understand and appreciate the world environment.



Mary-Jo McGrath

As a co-opted governor who is a member of the support staff team, I work collaboratively with the school to help it achieve its aims in investing in the learning and development of children.

Parent Governors



Hemal Davda

I have two children who attended the school and I have been an active OGPS since 2018. Within that time I have seen the school develop and I am happy to part of the OGPS using my experience both as a parent and a Chartered Accountant.



Himesh Patel

My son joined reception in 2018 and I have been an active parent at OGPS ever since. It is very exciting to see the school's development and I am happy to be able to support OGPS using my experience both as a parent and a Chartered Accountant. I am the Vice Chair.



Omar Iqbal

A former pupil and parent of children at Oliver Goldsmith, the school has special place in my heart. I have worked for the Home Office in technical security for Government IT systems for the past 18 years. In my role as parent Governor I will support the Head and his staff on the incredible learning environment they have created for our children so that future generations are inspired to learn and realise their full potential.



Naim Hasani

I am an immigration solicitor. I work with people of many backgrounds and understand cultural diversity which is what OGPS represents. I was a social worker for a number of year in the past. I am a father of three, two are pupils at OGPS. We have lived in the area for 8 years and we moved here so our children could go to a good school. OGPS has and will continue to be an excellent place for all children to learn and have an good start in life".



Anisa Rupalia

I am a Bank Official with two children who attend the school. The children's education, health & safety and mental health are very important to me. I look forward to supporting the school on their vision.



Fouzia Khan

As a parent, I co-led the FFG (Friends & Family of Goldsmith) and worked closely with the Head, parents and members of staff. My background includes an education in law, experience as a Criminal Defence Barrister and a recent qualification as a TA. My priority as a Parent Governor will be to ensure that the best interests of our children are at the heart of every decision made and to support the school in their ethos so that our children reach their full potential.

Other Governors



Cllr Ellie Southwood: LA Governor

As a Local Authority Governor I support the board of governors by bringing wider experience of local government. I visit the school as much as I can to meet children and parents. I am a local councillor in the London Borough of Brent.



Ramzey Crawford: Staff Governor

I ensure that the school's vision and objectives are communicated on the board. I have experience within the Army Reserves, working as a swimming instructor and volunteering in homeless shelters. This school has a strong community that I am lucky to be apart of; it is a pleasure being a governor.



Mr James Simmons

I have been Headteacher at OGPS since April 2015. Our Board of Governors has a great range of skills and offer support, encouragement and challenge in equal measure. They play a fundamental role in ensuring the school "inspires a love of learning" for all our pupils.

Associate Governors



Mrs Zakiya Dean

I have been Deputy Headteacher since May 2016. I provide lots of information to the members of board at meetings, especially at the Curriculum, Standards and Pupils Committee.



Mrs Annette McAndrew

I have been Assistant Headteacher since May 2015. I give lots of information to the members of board at the Curriculum, Standards and Pupils Committee regarding assessment at the school.



Colin Clifford

I have been a governor at the school in the past and have a long relationship with the school since my own child was a pupil. I am now an Associate Governor and particularly support in the area of health & safety.