

Our Governors

YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mrs H Teale is our Chairman. She is a member of the Finance and General Purpose Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Staffing Committee. She is a Co-opted Governor. Term of Office 1/4/13 to 31/3/17

Mrs J Hetherington is a Co-opted Governor and is a Vice Chair. She is a member of the Curriculum Committee and the Staffing Committee. Term of Office 1/4/13 to 31/3/17

Mrs D Oliver is a Co-opted Governor and is a Vice Chair. She is a member of the Staffing Committee, Curriculum Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Term of Office 1/4/13 to 31/3/17

Mrs Y Golding is a Co-opted Governor. She takes a special interest in Safeguarding and is the named Governor for safeguarding. Term of Office 1/4/13 to 31/3/17

Mr S Doubleday is a Co-opted Governor. He is a member of the Staffing and Curriculum Committee. Term of Office 25/2/14 to 24/2/18

Mr S Watson is a Parent Governor. He is a member of the Finance and General Purpose Committee. Term of Office 22/4/14 to 21/4/18

Mrs B Ojo is a Co-opted Governor. She is a member of the Finance and General Purpose Committee. Term of Office 16/3/15 to 15/3/19

Mrs L Letchford is a Local Authority Appointed Governor. Term of Office 16/3/15 to 15/3/19

Miss N Bridges is a Staff Governor. she is a member of the Curriculum Committee.. Term of Office 1/4/13 to 31/3/17

Mr B Peacock is a co-opted governor. Term of office 15/3/16 to 14/3/ 20

Miss M Neale is a member of the Governing body as Headteacher and is a member of the Finance and General Purpose Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Staffing Committee.

There are three main committees where most of our work is done, the Finance and General Purpose Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Staffing Committee. These meet at least once a term, sometimes twice, depending on the issues to be discussed. Within these committees important strategic decisions are made concerning the children's education, care and enjoyment whilst at school and the effective use of resources.

We also have five teams who review and monitor aspects of school life: Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Behaviour, Welfare, and SMSC (Social Moral, Spiritual and Cultural). We all

monitor the implementation of the School Development Plan and Assessment, Achievement and Progress of the children.

We come into school during the day to see the school at work and we also come to celebration assemblies, parents' evenings and other occasions when parents are in school.

Please come and talk to us if you see us around the school.

If you would like more information about the work of the Governing Board or becoming a Governor yourself please contact the school. Miss Neale and I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the role further.

To contact the Board of Governors please write c/o the School Office who will ensure it is passed on.

Hazel Teale
Chair of Governors - On behalf of the Board of Governors

Personal statements from our Governors

Mrs J Hetherington

I worked in Local government and the Judicial System for over 20 years. I am a local resident and when I retired I wanted to do something that would make use of my experience in both these fields. I saw an advert for governors and realised that it would be a worthwhile use of my time. Through belonging to the various committees and going into school during term time I get a sense of the school and the wonderful world of teaching the younger generation that goes on at Gravel Hill.

Mrs H Teale

I worked in the Education sector for about 30 years. On my retirement I volunteered to become a governor as I felt my knowledge and experience would be useful skills to bring to the role of Governor. I am a member of the Bexley Governors Forum Executive and represent all Bexley Governors at the Education Sub Group of the Bexley Safeguarding Children Board. I am also a governor representative on the Schools Forum which is the body which considers school funding in Bexley. In the past I been a governor at another Bexley Primary school, a Bexley Secondary school and a sixth form college, experience that gives me a wider perspective on the roles and responsibilities of being a governor.

Mrs D Oliver

I worked in the education sector for many years. My experience is specialising in SEN. I am a local resident and after I retired felt that becoming a Governor of a local school would give me a chance to apply skills from my working and community life to help young people get the most out of their education I enjoy going into school and talking with the children. Their confidence is high and children in every class like to talk about the excitement of being in Gravel Hill.'

Mrs B Ojo

I am a local resident and felt that volunteering to become a Governor of a local school would be worthwhile. It gives me a chance to apply skills from my working and community

life to help young people get the most out of their education. I take a special interest in safeguarding and pupil welfare. I sit on the finance committee.

Mr S Doubleday

I am a local resident and work in London as a Civil Servant. I was recruited to Gravel Hill via the charity SGOSS an organisation set up specifically to help recruit governors. Being a governor gives me a chance to volunteer in my community and help young people get the most out of their education. I take a particular interest in pupil welfare, sports provision and the teaching of history. I sit on the staffing and curriculum committees.

Mrs Y Golding

I live in Bexley and work in the public sector based in Greenwich. I have been a governor for several years, firstly in another Bexley School and now at Gravel Hill. My work gives me an insight into issues relating to safeguarding, child protection and PSHE and I can bring these skills to my role as a governor.

Mrs L Letchford

I am a local resident, now retired. I am Local Authority appointed governor at Gravel Hill. I felt that volunteering to become a governor of a local school would be worthwhile, and enable me to utilise the skills I gained from my former role to help young people get the most out of their education. My special interests lie in behaviour and the welfare and safety of young people.

Mr S Watson

I am a parent of two children at the school and am passionate about the effective running of the school and the welfare of all pupils. I feel that it is important to have a parent voice on the governing board. My key areas of interest are Health and Safety and finance. My job helps provide the skills I need for this.

Mr B Peacock

I am retired and live locally. I have a grandson who attends the school and welcomed the opportunity to become a governor at the school. I enjoy going into the school to see the how children learn and are helped to develop.

Miss N Bridges

I am a member of staff at Gravel Hill. I feel that it is extremely important to have a staff voice on the governing body to help shape the future of the school and continue to drive it forward. I am a member of the curriculum committee where I am able to voice new knowledge and challenge so that children at Gravel Hill get the best from a curriculum that is tailored to their needs.

Miss M Neale

I am the head teacher of Gravel Hill School