

Our Local Governing Board

We are pleased to report that 3 new governors have joined our Board this September Ms R Gherbo, Miss M Doku and Ms J Liebenberg. We are sorry to say goodbye to two of our Governors. Mrs J Hetherington resigned as a co-opted governor in June 2018. She was a governor at Gravel Hill for many years. Unfortunately she has not been well and decided to resign, as she could no longer carry out the role to her satisfaction. We wish her well and thank her for all the support and dedication she has shown to the school. Mrs H Trezel resigned as Parent Governor in September 2018. Miss Trezel felt she had to resign due pressure of work, which again meant she could not carry out the role as she would have liked. We wish her well and thank her for all the support she has given to the school during her time as a governor. We are currently in the process of advertising for a parent governor to fill the vacant position.

You can contact the governors by leaving a message or letter at the school office. The office staff will make sure we get it. Questions, complements, concerns and complaints should go to the school before coming to the governing board.

Local Governing Board Members 2018 - 2019

Mrs H Teale is our Chairman and is a Co-opted Governor She is a member of the Finance and Resources Committee, the Curriculum and Standards Committee. She is part of the link governor team for phase 1 (EYSF and Y1) and Maths. She is also a member of the Premises and Health and Safety team **Term of Office 1/11/17 to 31/10/21**

Mrs D Oliver is one of our Vice Chairs and is a Co-opted Governor. She is chair of the Finance and Resources Committee and member of the Curriculum and Standards Committee She is the named governor for SEND and lead the link team. She is part of the link governor team phase 2 (Yrs 2, 3, and 4) and English. She is also a member of the Premises and Health and Safety team. **Term of Office 1/11/17 to 31/10/21.**

Mrs Y Golding is one of our Vice Chairs and is a Co-opted Governor. She is chair of the Curriculum and Standards committee. She is the named Governors for Safeguarding and leads the safeguarding team. She is part of the link governor team Phase 3 (Ys5 and 6) and Science. **Term of Office 1/11/17 to 31/10/21**

Mr A Maxted is a parent governor. He is Vice Chair of the Curriculum and Standards committee. He is part of the link governor team for Phase 1) and Maths. **Term of Office 1/04/17 to 31/03/21**

Rev P Davies is a coopted Governor and is vice chair of the Finance and Resources committee. He is part of the link governor team Phase 2 (Ys2, 3 and 4) and English. He is also a member of the Premises and Health and Safety team. He is a member of the pay panel. **Term of Office 1/12/17 to 29 /11/21**

Ms R Gherbo is a coopted Governor. She is a member of the Finance and Resources committee. She is part of the link governor team Phase 2 (Ys2, 3, and 4) and English. She is a member of the pay panel and the safeguarding team. **Term of office 1/9/18 to 31/08/22**

Miss M Doku is a coopted Governor. She is a member of the Curriculum and Standards committee. She is part of the link governor team Phase 3 (Yrs 5 and 6) and Science. She is also a member of the SEND team **Term of office 1/9/18 to 31/08/22**

Ms J Liebenberg is a coopted Governor. She is a member of the Finance and Resources committee. She is part of the link governor team for phase 1 (EYSF) and Maths. **Term of office 24/9/18 to 25/9/ 21**

Mrs K Munden is a staff governor. She is a member of the Curriculum and Standards committee. **Term of Office 1/02/18 to 23/09/ 22**

Miss M Neale is automatically a member of the Governing body as Head teacher

Personal statements from our Governors

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. 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 Y Golding

I live in Bexley and worked in the public sector based in Greenwich for many years until my recent retirement. I have been a governor for several years, firstly in another Bexley School and now at Gravel Hill. My work has given me an insight into issues relating to safeguarding, child protection and P.S.H.E. and I can bring these skills to my role as a governor.

Mr A Maxted

I have an interest in and a commitment to the education of children. I have time to devote to getting to know the school better and would be available to support it. I am able to assimilate information easily and am a good listener, able to raise questions and participate in discussion and decision-making. I am enthusiastic about school life, a source of ideas, open minded, fair and a good administrator. Lastly I have a passion to promote high standards.

Rev P Davies

I have lived in Bexleyheath all my life and attended my primary and secondary education locally and therefore have a great interest in the education and development of local children.

I am currently working as an Assistant Curate at St Martin's Church in Barnehurst and shall remain there until March 2020. Prior to my ordination in October 2016, I worked for 18 years in healthcare and although I have been involved with teaching and mentoring those in post compulsory education, I had little to no involvement in school education but many of the skills learned in healthcare and when training for ministry have been transferrable into my vocation and being a governor including safeguarding, how children and adults learning, religious education, spirituality, as well as being an first aider.

I began attending Gravel Hill in October 2016 and have enjoyed being involved in delivering assemblies and some of the RE curriculum and since December 2017 also in the governance of the school.

Miss M Doku

I have had the amazing opportunity to work with children and young people in my previous roles as a Youth Advocate and Youth Mentor within the charity sector. I have also had the opportunity to work with pupils with SEN at both mainstream and SEN schools as a teaching assistant. My knowledge and experience has taught me that children and young people have to deal with a number of challenges, yet for most, school has provided some sort of stability in their lives. Through my work I have gained a level of insight to the work and responsibilities of governing bodies, and realised their impact on pupils learning and development. I would like to the opportunity take active steps in my local community through the education system in order to make a difference in children's lives.

Ms R Gherbo

I believe strongly in the value of education and am of the view that all children should be provided with an equal opportunity to receive the best possible education in which they excel in creativity and develop a desire for learning. I believe that a strong strategic leadership and effective governance plays a key role in the success of any school. I wish to be able to contribute to the continued success of the school by using my transferable skills to support the school's commitment to providing an excellent standard of education and to encourage continual improvement.

Ms J Liebenberg

I have over 20 years' experience in the professional world in a range of roles from communications, public relations, to change management and human resources I have worked effectively as part of different governance structures. As an HR Director it is part of my role to scrutinise and understand the business with the aim of helping it achieve its goals in an effective and sustainable way. This linked with my expertise in growing senior leaders, provides a richness of transferable skills and knowledge that I would like to bring to my role on the governing board. In addition, I understand the public sector ethos and the drive for efficiency as well as value for money.

Mrs K Munden

I am a teacher and Phase 2 leader at Gravel Hill School. I was elected by the staff of the school.