

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Two of our team of 4 parent governors have now completed a 4 year term. This is an opportunity for YOU to be part of the team delivering Torridon's vision and value.**

*"The school has a compelling vision for an inclusive, high-quality education for all which enables our children to achieve and thrive regardless of background. Our Core Values underpin all policies and practice. To this end, leaders at all levels ambitiously and purposefully work to achieve short- and long-term goals".*

Manda and her team have daily front-line responsibility for this. The governing board is a group of community representatives who work with Manda to keep the Vision and Values fresh and relevant, to hold school leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff and to ensure that all resources are being used effectively

The Governing Board is a diverse group of people - although the men are seriously outnumbered! As a parent governor you will bring a parent's perspective to the discussion as well as your own personal skills and insights. It's a fine line to tread, but you're not there to speak on behalf of parents. The Governing Board needs your perspective to help the board make good decisions and maintain a link between governance and the parent community.

You **don't** need to be an expert, training is available and your fellow governors are also a good source of information. THEY will also look forward to learning about YOUR experience and perspective as a parent/carer.

If you are interested please complete and return a personal statement, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of parent governor. (A template can be found on the website or the office can provide a hard copy). Please email your statement to

[governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) by MIDDAY on THURSDAY JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>.

Manda or Margaret Brightman (Chair of Governors) would be happy to chat to you about the role. Please email the school ([admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)) if you would like to talk to them.

***What is the time commitment?***

*Governors currently meet as a full Governing Body 4 times each year, with additional regular committee meetings and/or Working Party meetings throughout each term. Papers for each meeting are circulated 7 days ahead. They will usually take a couple of hours to read through and think about the questions you will want to ask.*

*We also ask each governor to be a link governor taking a special interest in a particular area linked to the School Improvement Plan or another identified priority. Each link governor will liaise with the school to work out the best way for them to monitor their area. Most times this will involve visiting during the school day but the last year has shown that there are some things which can be done over MS Teams. After the visit governors write up a short Note of Visit so that their findings can be shared with other Governors.*