

PERSONAL STATEMENT: TENISHA REID ELLIOT

Candidate name	Tenisha Reid Elliot
<p>Introduce yourself For example, your professional background, how long you have lived in the area, how long you have had children in the school?</p>	<p>Originally from Brooklyn, New York, I moved to the UK as a teenager and have called London home since starting at Westminster University in 2006. I am a Research Analyst at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, where I focus on sustainability research, and proud mother to Oscar, who joined Torridon's Reception this year. With over 10 years in asset management and recognition in the Black Women in Asset Management 40 under 40 initiative (2022), I bring both professional expertise and a parent's perspective to the role.</p>
<p>Candidate Statement Part 1: What skills and experience will you bring to the governing board?</p>	<p>I believe I would add most value to the Resource Committee, where my investment research background could directly support the school's financial planning and resource optimisation. As a sustainability-focused analyst, I understand how organisations can build financial resilience while adapting to future challenges.</p> <p>My current research focuses on critical public health issues, including nutrition and the impact of ultra-processed foods on health outcomes. I also understand that schools increasingly need to balance nutritional programmes with budget constraints. I would relish the opportunity to help Torridon's work to meet this and other challenges.</p> <p>As an Advisory Board member at Cornell University Global Labour Institute, I regularly provide feedback on the group's research agenda. This has given me great exposure to building collaborative relationships, whereas group we use our individual insights to work towards a common goal.</p> <p>I bring both personal investment in Torridon's success and a commitment to representing the parent perspective.</p>
<p>Candidate Statement Part 2: Why do you want to be a governor at Torridon?</p>	<p>I believe ensuring all children at Torridon receive the best possible education is a priority. The school's commitment to excellence and community engagement aligns with my values, and I'm excited by the opportunity to be involved in its development.</p>

	<p>My work in sustainability research gives me unique insights into future challenges and opportunities. I want to help ensure our school continues to thrive while adapting to changing needs and preparing our children for the future. Understanding how organisations successfully navigate change, I believe I can contribute meaningfully to discussions about school development and student achievement.</p> <p>The role of governor would allow me to combine my professional expertise with a commitment to education, helping ensure Torridon continues to provide excellent opportunities for all its pupils.</p>
<p>Candidate Statement Part 3 How would you like to contribute to the work of the governing board and the school?</p>	<p>I would be particularly interested in serving on the Resources Committee, where my analytical skills could support effective resource allocation and strategic planning.</p> <p>Drawing on my professional experience, I would focus on identifying opportunities for sustainable development and resource optimisation. This could include exploring innovative funding sources, evaluating the effectiveness of current programmes, and suggesting evidence-based improvements.</p> <p>I am particularly interested in taking on a link governor role in an area the board feels most aligns with my expertise. This would allow me to provide focused support while helping ensure our decisions promote both educational excellence and long-term sustainability.</p> <p>I am fully committed to the time requirements of the role and excited about the prospect of contributing to Torridon's continued success.</p>