

# PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Dear parents & carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you had a great break over the summer

I wrote to you all at the end of last term to let you know we would be looking for new parent governors this year. Several parent governors have now reached the end of their term so we now have three vacancies – this is your opportunity to be part of the team helping Torridon deliver the best possible outcomes for our students.

Being a governor is a fascinating and rewarding role, and if you think it might be for you, I would really encourage you to take a look at the all information below and consider sending in an application.

The governing board is a friendly and welcoming group, where we always strive to get a diverse set of views to help ensure we make the best possible decisions for the school.

I really hope you will consider this opportunity, and I look forward to welcoming new parents or carers onto the governing board.

All best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Wheller'.

Levin Wheller  
Chair of Governors

# KEY INFORMATION

## Who does the Governing Board do?

The governing board are a group of community representatives who work with Manda to hold senior leaders to account for: the educational performance of the school and its pupils; the performance management of staff, and; the financial management of the school to ensure that all resources are being used effectively.

## The role of a parent governor

- As a parent governor you bring a parent's perspective to governing board discussions as well as your own personal skills and insights. Parent governors help the board make good decisions and maintain a link between governance and the parent community.
- Governors meet as a full Governing Body four times each year. Papers are circulated a week before each meeting, and it usually takes an hour or so to read these documents and think about the questions you will want to ask.
- Governors also join one of our sub committees (Resources; Teaching and Learning; Children, Family and Communities) which meet once per term.
- We also ask each governor to be a link governor taking a special interest in a particular area linked to the School Development Plan. Each link governor liaises with the school to work out the best way for them to monitor their area.
- After school visits governors write a short 'note of visit' so their findings can be shared with other Governors.

## Join a friendly and supportive team

You don't need previous experience to be a parent governor. There is training available through the local authority, and your fellow governors will be happy to help you learn the ropes, as well as gain new insights from your experience and perspectives as a parent/carer.

## Diversity matters

We want our governing board to be representative of the school community. We particularly encourage applications from parents/ carers from BAME/ global majority backgrounds.

## If you want to find out more

Please email the school [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk] if you'd like to chat to Manda (Headteacher) or Levin (Chair of Governors) about what being a governor involves.

## How to apply

- If you are interested, please complete and return a personal statement (see next page) explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of parent governor.
- Completed templates should be emailed to [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk] by midday on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.
- If we receive multiple applications an election will be run for parents to choose a new parent governor.