



Pinner Wood Governing Body Newsletter - July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this term's newsletter, I wanted to follow up from our 'Meet the Governors' coffee morning and give you an overview of who the governors are and what we do. Our role as a governing body is to make sure the long-term vision of the school is in place, to ask questions about the school's plans, budgets and performance and to ensure we remain on track.

	About Us	Fact File
Carolyn Hector 	<p>I work full time as a Global Marketing Director for a financial solutions firm. I like that I can bring my skills from the corporate world to our school and help us develop and continuously improve. I have been a governor for 5 years and although it has been an eventful few years, including the appointment of our new headteacher and temporary relocation to the Civic Centre, I have enjoyed it all and I am so proud of Pinner Wood!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014 - Parent Governor• 2015 - Vice-Chair• 2016 - Chair of Governors• 2017 - Co-opted Governor• Previously been chair of our Children, Curriculum and Achievement committee• Interested in data and curriculum
Shaheen Saib 	<p>I work as an Innovation Strategy Manager in the non-profit sector. I have always had a passion for education and youth empowerment, since my days as a primary school teacher in Manchester. With my expertise in HR (Human Resources), I've worked closely with the school Leadership Team to ensure our governance and policies are strong, in a Pinner Wood way. I am continuously amazed and humbled by the genuine passion that teachers, parents and all staff have for the development and progression of the children that attend this school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2015 - Co-opted Governor• 2017 - chair of Children, Curriculum and Achievement committee• 2017 - Lead Governor for Safeguarding• 2018 - Vice Chair• Previously been Lead Governor for Special Educational Needs• Interested in curriculum and well-being of students, staff and parents.
Karun Kapoor	<p>I work as an Actuary in the life insurance industry. The experience has given me strong grounding in Finance and Financial management of a large organisation. Further, I have gained</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 - Joined the Governing Body



Andrew Mortimer

experience in managing large teams, organising and planning various projects. I am keen to bring my skills to the governing body and contribute towards the school's shared vision of preparing children to be responsible citizens, who can build fulfilling lives for themselves.

I am an Architect and Director of a practice specialising in urban regeneration projects. I am able to bring my experience in the construction industry to support the school in its building and refurbishment projects. I have been a governor for 4 years and in that time there have been many challenges relating to the school site. I continue to be impressed by how resilient and resourceful the staff and pupils at Pinner Wood can be even in the most challenging circumstances.

- 2015 - Co-opted Governor to assist in ongoing building
- 2016 - Chair of Health and Safety Group, which maintains oversight of the work the school does to meet requirements, accreditations and review priorities for future building works within the school
- 2019 - Co-opted for second term
- Interested in ensuring that the school provides a safe and stimulating environment to enable all children and staff to thrive.

Lindsay Collins



Originally a freelance film production assistant and now a retired school administrator. I had 3 children at PWS over a 14 year period. I became a school governor during 1990s which provided a huge learning curve. I also had to deal with a number of crises during this period, as well as the amalgamation. Working with Pinner Wood has always been rewarding and stimulating, which I have enjoyed - it is a great school.

- Originally parent governor of PWS First & Middle Schools and then co-opted governor and now Local Authority governor
- Governing Body Chair and Vice Chair and Chair of governing body committees over many years.
- I am interested in all areas of school governance and school life and encourage the development of areas of curriculum.

Bushra Anwar



I work as a policy strategist for a London council, developing and implementing mental health programmes across the borough. My experience in mental health, from primary schools to councils, helps me think broadly about children's developmental needs in educational, social, emotional and civic contexts and this is what drives me to contribute as a governor at an incredible and nourishing school like Pinner Wood and to see it grow from strength to strength.

- 2016 - Parent Governor
- Sit on Children, Curriculum and Achievement Committee
- Interested in: Curriculum, Data and Special Education Needs.

Emma Kelly



I have really enjoyed being a governor at Pinner Wood for the past two years because all of us - parents, teachers and governors - share the same goal: to make the school as good as it can be for our children. I try to bring the skills I rely on as a journalist - communicating clearly, making knowledge accessible and asking the right questions - to help our school continue to improve.

- Governor since 2017
- I sit on both Resources and Children, Curriculum and Achievement since 2017 and get involved in various areas such as appraisals
- Supporting the school press news stories when I can.

Sailen Rampuria



I work for an energy company looking after Industrial Control Systems. I have 2 children at the school, having also been a pupil at Pinner Wood and a resident of Pinner all of my life. I feel passionate about helping the school achieve all that it can. I believe that children will learn to the very best of their ability if they enjoy their education and thus hope to help the school continue its success in this regard.

- 2016 - Parent Governor
- 2016 - Member of Children, Curriculum and Achievement and Resources Committees
- 2018 - Co-chair of Resources Committee and continued member of CCA Committee
- Interested in risk management and I.T.

Ophelie Barbet



I work for a large pub company, where I help deliver IT projects. I wanted to contribute my skills and experience to the school and local community. I have learnt a lot about the incredible work that goes on at the school, from teaching to what is effectively running a large business, and I am proud and grateful to be part of its continued success!

- 2017 - Elected Parent Governor
- 2018 - Co-chair of Resources Committee
- I am particularly interested in budgeting, planning and analysis.

Josh Berle



I work in public sector sales, which means I witness the absurdities of the public policy environment on a daily basis, and which our marvellous school must also navigate. I love getting to the heart of an issue, cutting through the often deliberate use of specialised language and knowledge so we can all understand what's going on and contribute more effectively. This is what drives my participation as a governor.

- 2017 - elected as a parent governor for a four year term
- 2018 - opted to sit on the Children, Curriculum and Achievement subcommittee
- Interests in data, benchmarking and pastoral care across the whole school community

If you would like more information about the *Governing Body*, what we do, our plans and our committees, this is all available on the school [website](#) or get in touch via our email address governors@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk

As a *Governing Body* we would like to thank **Miss Marriott and all her dedicated staff**, who work tirelessly for the children at our school and are always looking at how we can do more. To our fantastic and dedicated **Friends of Pinner Wood**, themselves volunteers, who all work so hard to come up with new and fun ideas, organise events and activities that include all, and at the same time raise money for our school and children, not an easy job!

Of course we must also wish good luck to our amazing **Year 6 pupils** as they all head off to their new secondary schools.

Finally, a very **Happy 80th Birthday Pinner Wood** - here's to the next 80 years!

Have a restful and enjoyable summer!

Carolyn Hector
Chair of Governors