

Hollybrook Infant and Junior Schools Governing Body

Governors play a vital role in the running of your school as they work directly with the Headteacher and her team ensuring the standard of your child's education is constantly improving by monitoring, reviewing and setting high standards.

Governors are all volunteers that dedicate their spare time because they are passionate about making your school the best place for your children to thrive, progress and learn. At Hollybrook there is currently a quite small Governing Body with a great mix of very experienced Governors and some that have recently started to support your school. Some have children at the school and you will recognise them from the playground, others used to have children at Hollybrook and some are totally external, but passionate about helping in their community.

We also have a great mix of professional backgrounds that helps the school, including: ex-headteachers, leadership professionals, communications specialists, safeguarding leads and professors in higher education.

The Board of Governors meet twice a term with sub-committees (Finance and Standards) meeting at least half termly. If you want to find out more about what we are up to as well as a full list of our obligations visit: <http://www.hollybrookjunior.co.uk/governors>

We are currently recruiting Governors, so please drop any of us a line if you'd like to find out more, want to raise a query or get involved: governors@hi.jetrust.org

Remember you don't have to have a child at Hollybrook, so please spread the word. We'd love to meet you and tell you more about what we do.

Meet your Governors



Nigel Reichelt

Chair of Governors

"Nearly 14 years ago, I became a parent Governor at Hollybrook Juniors. All three of my children went to both Hollybrooks. I started as a Governor as my youngest daughter was starting at Hollybrook Infants (and she's just started at York University!) and I quickly came to appreciate how school governance operates. Volunteers are entrusted with school oversight; supporting the school leader and staff to deliver the best possible education to our pupils. It may sound daunting, but I've found it rewarding and there is always something new to learn. It's been a privilege to work with dedicated, hardworking education professionals and colleague Governors."



Hazel Hayter

Former Headteacher

Governor

"I have recently retired from my role as Headteacher of Shirley Infant and Junior Schools and have been working within the schools in the Jeffrey's group since before the conversion to academy status. In September 2018 I joined the Hollybrook Schools Governing Body. I hope that I will be able to offer my knowledge and experience of leading two schools in a similar situation, particularly as the schools work more closely together and towards becoming outstanding schools in their own right. I share the Schools' ambition for each child to enjoy school, make good academic progress and achieve as well as they can. I have experience of managing schools in terms of HR and understand school finance which I believe will support the Governing Body as they make strategic decisions with the schools' Leadership teams."



Mohamed Torbati

University Lecturer, Parent Governor

"I have been a Parent Governor since July 2017, when my daughter was in year R and my son was in Year 4. I had no previous experience as a governor but have enjoyed the challenge of developing new skills and learning from the training courses that have been provided by Hamwic Trust and the School. I am very proud to be a governor here at Hollybrook Infant & Junior Schools and, just like every parent, want the very best for my children. I always try to bring a parent's perspective to meetings. I strongly believe that we should ensure that every child at Hollybrook is happy, safe, confident and strives to fulfill their potentials. As parents we need to support the Schools in their journey to becoming

outstanding and, when necessary, question and challenge decisions. I personally never shy away from asking difficult questions and speak out for what I believe are important issues."



Isabel Johnston

Communications Consultant, Governor

"The past 18 months of being a Governor has been really rewarding for me. I've learnt a lot about the school system and the vision and positive learning environment at Hollybrook. I've seen pupil work books, reviewed data and been able to challenge teaching staff on progress and best practice. I've also been using my communications background ensuring more work is done on improving the website and communications to parents."



Ian Pennal

Parent Governor

"I've been a parent governor for four years. I was invited to become a Governor due to working in Social Care. I am also the Safeguarding Governor, I link in with the headteacher to give updates on our service and offer support at times regarding safeguarding issues. I enjoy all aspects of being a governor particularly the progression and development of Hollybrook pupils."



Bharath Ganapathisubramani

Parent Governor

"I have been a member of the School Governing board since November 2018. As a parent, I am very excited and keen to learn about the opportunities and challenges faced by the school. I share the school's vision of ensuring each child enjoys school, while making good academic progress. I am an academic at the University of Southampton and I hope that my experience in higher education and management is useful to the governing body and the school leadership team to achieve its goals."



Rosalind Barkhuysen

Solicitor

Clerk to Governors

"I have been Clerk to Hollybrook Schools Governing Board since 2015. I provide advice to the Governing Body on governance, constitutional and procedural matters as well as arranging meetings and taking minutes. I enjoy supporting such a highly skilled and dedicated Governing Body in their endeavours to ensure the schools provide a high standard of education for all."

Staff Governors are:

Miss A Parker (infant), Mrs L Alderslade (junior) & Headteacher Mrs J Wood