

Sophie Smith
Chair of Governors

Hi, I'm Sophie Smith, Chair of Governors of the new Sandhurst Primary School, and I am a member of our Teaching & Learning and Resources Committees. I am also one of our literacy link governors. I have been a governor for over 10 years, originally as a community governor as I am a local resident, and now as a co-opted governor and I am excited to be part of the Governing Board as we move forward as a whole school. I am a solicitor with GT Stewart Solicitors Ltd, a firm based in south London, and I specialise in the area of criminal defence. In my career I have seen the difference in life chances a person has when they have had the benefit of a good education against the difficulties they often face without such an education and I am passionate about every child receiving the best education they possibly can.



Mel Church
Vice Chair of Governors
LA Governor

I have been a governor in both schools for over 30 years, initially as a parent governor and to date a local authority governor. In the past I have served as chair of curriculum committee and chair of governors. At present I am the safeguarding link governor, a role I had previously held in my working life for over six years. When my children started at Sandhurst many years ago I had visited the local schools and I felt then with my experience in education that this school was the best school for my children and I still believe the Sandhurst Schools are up there with the best in the borough, offering a broad and balanced curriculum and children who leave with a positive attitude for learning.



John Purcell
Co-opted governor

I was a parent governor for 8 years and last year was appointed as a co-opted governor. I have had three children pass through Sandhurst, with the youngest in year 6 of the Junior School. My other 2 children (15 and 13) are at local secondary schools. I joined the governing body with particular interest in financial matters having worked for a bank for 34 years. As governor, I have chaired the Resources Committee for the last 8 years. Outside of school, my time is taken up supporting my children's sporting interests with both boys playing rugby and cricket and my daughter playing netball. In addition, I am the treasurer of Catford and Cyphers Cricket Club.



Rachel Peddie
Co-opted Governor

Rachael is a co-opted governor, having previously been a parent governor with two children who attended Sandhurst. She is an educational psychologist and is our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) link governor.



Akilah Moseley
Co-opted Governor

I have had a long history of supporting Sandhurst (Junior) school, having been a parent governor, when my daughters attended, then a community governor, due to living in the local area, and then as a co-opted governor, similar to my current role. I have been involved with Sandhurst as a governor now for over 10 years.

As a Governor at Sandhurst School I have undertaken link governor roles in Science, Gifted and talented, and Safeguarding. I have also sat upon curriculum committee, where we ensure that the children's learning follows the curriculum and is robust to ensure that every child will reach their full potential.

I have a background in Childcare, Social Work and Learning and development having worked for a number of years within Lewisham. I currently work part time as a lecturer at a local University and I am also self-employed, where I offer training, leadership coaching and professional development support. My current link role on the governing body continues to be Safeguarding.

Despite no longer having children attend Sandhurst Primary School, I continue to support the whole school by attending as many school events as I can.

Look out for me and stop to say hello.



James Campbell
Co-opted Governor

I have been a co-opted governor at Sandhurst since March 2019. I had previously volunteered in the fantastic nursery and wanted to be actively involved with the school as part of the local community. I am a link governor for mental health and wellbeing.

I work for a charity which supports the NHS to measure and improve healthcare services and I volunteer as co-chair of Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group's Public Reference Group. Most importantly I am a very proud dad of a brilliant daughter.

Sandhurst is a wonderful school community and I am proud to be a part of it.



Alison Parkinson
Co-opted Governor

My name is Allison Parkinson and I am a freelance writer. You may know me as Laura and Ella's mum (both are now at secondary school). I became a Parent Governor in 2013 and I am now a Co-opted Governor and a Link Governor for maths.

I feel really proud to be part of a true community school which is constantly striving to ensure that all of our children are happy, well-rounded, supported and inspired.



Beryl Roberts
Co-opted Governor

I have been a governor at Sandhurst for many years, ever since my three boys went through the school and I feel very privileged to have been a part of it and seen how Sandhurst School has developed and improved. I am also a governor of a secondary school and lead a cub pack in the local area.



Paul Cooke
Parent Governor

I have been lucky enough to live on the Corbett estate with my family for over 10 years now, 6 of which I have had a close association with the School in various capacities. I currently have 3 children attending the school from Nursery to Year 5 so I have a vested interest to help, support and challenge the school to ensure it is the best it can be for the pupils and the staff for now and the longer term. I was one of the founding members of the SanDads and attend/support/organise a lot of the events that we hold during the academic year, this is something I am very proud of as I believe that we have made a difference to a lot of children since we started not only through the fund-raising activities but with the fireworks, camping trips, reading in school, building facilities across the school and generally showing the Children that there are male role models out there that they can come to for support.

I have also been a Junior School Governor over the past 2 and a half years during which time I have concentrated my efforts on the financial budgetary constraints the school is under. I have tried to bring my business knowledge to help and guide the school into spending its money wisely, on appropriate procurement and making sure that as budgets are squeezed the School is in a fit and proper place to withstand further cuts. I know that I have challenged the School as a Governor and that I will not just accept the first answer. As a governor you have to tread a fine line between challenging and supporting and I know I have achieved this in my past tenure. I work very hard as a Governor and as a SanDad I believe I can make a difference for not only my children but yours as well.



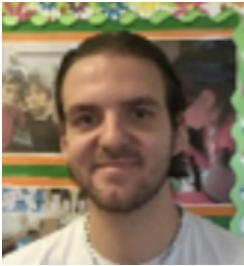
Deborah Honeysett
Parent Governor

Hi, my name is Debs Honeysett and I am a parent governor. I have two sons (year 4 and year 2) who attend the school. I work as a speech and language therapist. In my spare time I enjoy catching up with friends. I am also involved in a local church. I feel privileged to be part of the Sandhurst community and to be able to serve the school through this governing role.



Richard Johnston
Parent Governor

I'm a parent governor at Sandhurst Primary School, with a daughter in year 5 who has been at the school since reception.
I'm really happy to do my part to help the school achieve the best it can for all its pupils, particularly those with special educational needs, particularly in these trying times where the school needs support from everyone with an interest in seeing it do as well as possible.
I've lived in Lewisham for over 15 years, mainly working as a tax advisor in the City, so it's good to be on the other side of the table for once and to bring the skills to help the school and the leadership team manage its way to keep the school the warm, welcoming place it's always been for us.



Jake Wilkes
Staff Governor

I have been a teacher at Sandhurst for 5 years, currently teaching in year 6. I am also the Outdoor learning and education coordinator across the school. I have been a part of the Sandhurst community since completing a teacher training placement here in 2016 and have been dedicated to improving the lives and education of our children ever since. My background in education lies within behaviour mentoring which I use within my current teaching practice. One of my passions is sport and I have been fortunate enough to be a part of the coaching staff of our successful Sandhurst football teams; currently I coach our girls' team which I love! In my role, I am able to offer a voice from the perspective of the staff and lend my expertise and strengths to help improve the school as a whole.



Lorraine Poyser
Staff Governor

Lorraine Poyser - This is my second year on the Governing body as Support staff governor. I am joint well-being Governor and I have trained to undertake Safer Recruitment responsibilities. Currently I am a Teaching assistant in year 6. I have worked at Sandhurst Primary school for 5 years, although I have worked in Lewisham schools since 2001. I have Jointly run the Change4Life lunchtime club. Also, I have been lucky enough to support year 5 on their annual school residential trip. I am a qualified first aider and also a Zumba Instructor.
During my time at Sandhurst I have found many opportunities to use my love of Dance and choreography skills. I hold a staff Zumba class. For the past 5 years I facilitated our schools dance performance at the Broadway Theatre as part of the yearly, Lewisham Live Dance Festival. Additionally, I have Worked with the School Council to provide whole-school and early years Zumba Sessions for Sports relief.
I absolutely love being part of the Sandhurst Family. As staff we work hard to challenge our children. I feel we go the extra mile at Sandhurst to give children a rounded and enriched educational experience.



Andrea Antoniades
Staff Governor

My name is Andrea Antoniades and I have worked at Sandhurst Primary School as a full time and part time teacher since 1989. At present I am a Year 5 teacher, the RE coordinator and a member of the humanities team. As part of my role I have organized visits to local places of worship and invited representatives from local faith communities into our school. I have a keen interest in music and enjoy helping Mrs Christie with the school choir. I have enjoyed working at Sandhurst for many years and I am looking forward to my role as a teacher governor.