

Summer Term letter from Sandhurst Primary School Governing Board

Hello, and a very warm welcome to you if you have recently joined our school community. We thought it might be helpful to remind you of who we are, what we do and how you can get in touch with us.

We are a group of 17 volunteers, made up of parents, staff and people from the wider school community. You may have seen some of us in the playground or know us through our involvement with Sandalls PTA.

Our newest members are parent governors Laure Farret and Alex Pemberton and co-opted governor Alhaji Bangura. Together, they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to help support our school:



“Hello, my name is Laure Farret. I work for a local government body as a principal officer overseeing large skills and employment projects. I have worked for two decades in the public sector, here and in France and I am excited to use my stakeholder management and programme management skills to contribute to the school ongoing development. I love singing and music in general and I’ve been part of a local choir for nearly 10 years.”

“Hello, my name is Alex Pemberton and I am a parent Governor with a young child at the school. I work for a major charity where I work with scientists and universities to ensure that their research is of the highest quality and has largest impact for patients. I trained as a researcher before working in publishing and for the Medical Research Council. As well as bringing an understanding of science and medicine, I have experience working with budgets, HR etc which I hope I can use to help the school continue to flourish. I have lived in the area for over 10 years and away from work have a particular interest in sport and natural history.”





“Hello, my name is Alhaji Bangura. I graduated from the University of Manchester and the University of Salford with a degree in Environmental Technology and Real Estate and Property Management, respectively. As a result of my long passion for education, I am a STEM ambassador and Enterprise Advisor. This has enabled me to contribute to my community to help shape our future leaders. I am kind and considerate. I am genuine, and people can see that I am authentic and honest. I am a hard worker and am always ready to learn new skills. Putting in the extra effort to achieve my goals is imperative.”

- You can find information about all of us on our school website:
<https://www.sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/introducing-our-governors/>

Our role as governors is to support and challenge the school – rather like a critical friend – to ensure continual improvements to the education of all our pupils. Together with school leaders and staff, we want to ensure that every child at Sandhurst receives a primary education that recognises, nurtures, inspires and stretches them in a progressive, safe and caring environment.

We set the budget each year, support the school with its strategic planning and make regular visits to monitor key areas including health and safety, school improvement priorities and the impact of new initiatives. We seek evidence to see how its recently refreshed and ever-evolving curriculum is helping to build on the knowledge, skills and abilities of all pupils. We also check the effectiveness of additional measures, put in place to support pupils’ individual needs – be they educational, social or emotional.

We attend regular committee and full Governing Board meetings and we love to get involved with school trips and special events. International Evening is one of the highlights of our school calendar, so we hope you can join us for this wonderful community event on May 22nd.

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments or questions about our roles and responsibilities, or if you would like us, as governors, to help you with anything. Come and speak to us, if you see us in the playground, or contact us via the school office.

We’ll be sending out regular letters to keep you informed about key issues and decisions arising from our Governing Board meetings. and don’t forget, minutes from all of our meetings are available on request from the school office.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes,

The Sandhurst Governors

