

**HADLEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHIES, DATES OF OFFICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES - JANUARY 2024**

**Richard Walker (Co-opted Governor: 26/02/2022 - 25/02/2026) Chair of Governors, Chair of Curriculum & Achievement Committee, and on Resources Committee; Member Governor Forum.**

I have lived in Hadley Wood since 2012. I became a co-opted governor at Hadley Wood School in February 2018 and was elected to the position of Chair of Governors in September 2022. Following a period in research and lecturing, I spent the 1980's working as a teacher of biology and science in secondary schools in North London. I subsequently became a freelance writer and consultant, specialising in illustrated science books for children and adults. I take a keen interest in community affairs and am actively involved with Neighbourhood Watch. I endeavour to use my experience from education, publishing, project management and community work to support the school and encourage the highest standards. Two of my grandchildren are pupils at Hadley Wood School.

**Komal Parmar (Co-opted Governor: 05/12/23 - 04/12/27) Vice-Chair of Governors, On Curriculum & Achievement Committee; Member Governor Forum. Responsible for Inclusion and Learning Walks.**

I was elected as a parent governor in November 2021 and have recently been appointed as a Co-opted Governor and Vice-Chair of Governors. I am a part of the Curriculum and Achievement Committee as well as being an Inclusion Governor and Learning Walks Governor. My nine years of experience as a teacher of English in secondary education is reflective of my drive to make a difference to each individual. I am passionate about learning, both in the classroom and beyond, as I strongly believe this contributes to the whole development of a child. Through clear communication and sound listening skills, I have built relationships with colleagues, parents and other professionals in the field to help children from varying stages and backgrounds to fulfil their potential. As a parent of two children who attend Hadley Wood Primary School (in Year 2 and Reception) I have become familiar with a values-based education, where the ethics and ethos of the school closely mirror my own personal belief system. I look forward to representing the views of parents to ensure the wellbeing of all of our children. I am able to take accountability for my decisions and trust that at the core of these decisions is the individual child.

**Nick Cockburn (Co-opted Governor: 06/12/2022 - 05/12/2026) Joint Vice-Chair of Resources Committee (Premises). Responsible for Early Years Provision.**

I was elected as a parent governor in February 2020. During 2021-22 I took on the role of Chair of the Premises Committee, and I also oversee developments in the School's Early Years provision. I transitioned to become a co-opted governor in December 2022. In 2024 I became Vice-Chair (Premises) of the new Resources Committee.

**Ann Evans (LA Governor: 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2024) On Resources Committee.**

I have lived in the area practically all my life and was educated locally. I am a Local Authority appointed governor and, in fact, chaired the Governing Body for thirteen years before moving over to make room for someone younger! I have also been a governor of another local primary school and a Special School, and have sat on, and chaired, School Admissions Appeal panels and sat on Schools Exclusion panels.

**Alex Georgiou – Associate Member of Governing Body from 05/12/2023**

I have been a Councillor for the last 10 years and have served as the Councillor for Cockfosters Ward (which includes Hadley Wood) since May 2018. I have two young children and currently live in the Southern part of the Ward. I care deeply about the education of our children in Cockfosters and Hadley Wood, two places which residents rightly expect the best. I will do everything I can to work with the Governors and Teachers of Hadley Wood Primary School to ensure our school gets everything it needs from Enfield Council.

**Elaine Hayward (Co-opted Governor: 27/02/23 – 26/02/27) Joint Vice Chair (Staffing) of the Resources Committee, on Curriculum & Achievement Committee. Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection .**

I have lived in Hadley Wood with my family since 1986 and one of my grandchildren attends Hadley Wood School. I served as a Local Authority Councillor for sixteen years and the majority of my committee responsibilities involved education, child protection and social care. I have been a Governor in another primary school, a secondary school, and also a Pupil Referral Unit. In 2019, I became a co-opted governor at Hadley Wood and currently have responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. I am also a joint Vice Chair of the Resources Committee.

**Jo Lee (Co-opted Governor - 24/02/2019 - 23/02/2023) Associate Member of Governing Body, on Resources and Curriculum & Achievement Committees (former Chair of Governors, Vice-Chair of Governors, & Chair of Staffing Committee)**

I have been a member of the Hadley Wood School Governing Body since November 2013, when I was elected as a parent governor. I transitioned to become a co-opted governor from February 2015 and was the Vice Chair of Governors for four years, before taking up the role of Chair of Governors from February 2019 to December 2022. When my third term as a governor ended in February 2023, I became an Associate Member of the Governing Body to enable an effective transition of my experience from previous roles, and to continue to contribute to the work of the Governing Body. I am the parent of four boys, with one who is now at secondary school after attending Hadley Wood, one at Queens University Belfast, and two who have finished university. I therefore fully understand

the importance of an all-round primary school education and its role in preparing children for the transitions ahead. In my career, I have led organisations through strategic change in both the energy and charity sectors, and I am currently leading a major change programme at Sue Ryder, a national charity providing palliative and bereavement support. I therefore bring organisational growth, strategic planning, and people development skills from my professional background, alongside my drive and experience as a parent and as a governor, to my current role on the Governing Body.

**Rimal Patel (Parent Governor: 23/03/2023 - 22/03/2027) On Resources Committee. Responsible for GDPR.**

I joined the Governing Body in March 2023 for three reasons: (i) develop my understanding of how HWPS operates; (ii) contribute my external skills and perspectives to enhance the pupil outcomes delivered by HWPS; and (iii) bring a parental viewpoint and experience to the governing body. This is very close to my heart as father to two daughters in Y2 and Y4 and I am passionate about improving communication and engagement between the school and its parent body.

My professional career has centred on improving customer experience and financial results for large retailers (e.g., Tesco and John Lewis Partnership), including harnessing technology and data to drive better decision-making and creating easier experiences. In my role as parent governor, I plan to leverage these skills to help nurture continuous improvement in all aspects of school life for pupils, families, teachers and the broader local community. I additionally have finance and strategy experience which will help support and challenge how the school manages tight resources to prioritise and deliver sustainable improvements to create the best outcomes for pupils over the longer-term.

**Maria Charalambous Rogers (Parent Governor: 10/03/2023 – 09/03/2027) Vice-Chair of Curriculum & Achievement Committee. Responsible for Governor Training and Development.**

I have two daughters at Hadley Wood Primary School, and our experience has been very positive to date. I am also a former pupil of Hadley Wood Primary School, and a Hadley Wood resident since a young age. As a parent governor, I would like to contribute to the continued success of the school, whilst also supporting in areas of development and improvement. I hope my views and feedback as a parent can have a positive impact. I am a fully qualified counsellor, with a strong interest in the importance of children's mental health, wellbeing and personal growth. I am passionate about education, and believe it is important for children to learn in a nurturing, diverse and inclusive environment. I believe that the ethos and culture of a school play an important role in a child's development, and the values instilled at primary level, contribute to a child's confidence as they transition into secondary education. I have a varied skillset, including Spanish language teaching, and in my current professional role, since 2011, I have worked directly for the Executive Chair and Vice-Chair of a global bank. My day-to-day role involves strategic planning, and building strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders. I have been a parent governor since 2023, and

sit on the Curriculum & Achievement Committee as Vice-Chair. I am a parent volunteer, and also a passionate member of the FHWS, actively involved in the school's fundraising initiatives. My role with the FHWS gives me additional insight and understanding of the challenges that the school community faces, as well as the opportunities for development. I am committed to Hadley Wood Primary School's vision, ethos and values, and look forward to further developing my knowledge.

**Nigel Roth (Co-opted Governor: 02/03/21 - 01/03/25) Chair of Resources Committee.**

I moved to Hadley Wood with my family at the end of 1990. All three of my sons went to Hadley Wood School which provided them with a really effective foundation for their long-term learning and careers, respect for others and the building of endearing personal friendships that continue to this day. I am a qualified actuary and I retired from full time work in 2019 having formerly been a Senior Partner of a large international consultancy where I looked after the pension arrangements for a large number of companies and their employees. My experience has enabled me to take responsibility for some extremely large projects. Identifying and controlling or eliminating risks alongside a focus on strong financial management. Effective teamwork was a most important attribute that helped me to have a long and satisfying career. I am pleased to be able to employ my professional experiences in my role on the Governing Body of Hadley Wood School, and I will always aim to ensure that future generations of pupils will have the same positive experiences of the school as those enjoyed by my sons.

**Members of staff are involved in the Governing Body as indicated below:**

**Mrs Fran Worby – Head Teacher (on Curriculum & Achievement and Resources Committees)**

**Mrs Paula Bertram (Staff Governor – 29/03/2022 – 28/03/2026) + Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion Manager (on Curriculum & Achievement Committee)**

**Mrs Lynsey Jennings (Associate Member of Governing Body) + Deputy Headteacher (on Curriculum & Achievement Committee)**