

**HADLEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHIES, DATES OF OFFICE AND
RESPONSIBILITIES – 2025-26**

NICK COCKBURN

Co-opted Governor

Term of Office: 06/12/2022 - 05/12/2026

Vice-Chair (Premises) of Resources Committee; Link Governor for Early Years and Health & Safety

I was elected as a parent governor in February 2020 and became a member of the Premises and Finance Committees (since merged to form the Resources Committee) when I joined the Governing Body; during 2021-22 I took on the role of Chair of the Premises Committee. I transitioned to become a co-opted governor in December 2022. I am currently Vice-Chair (Premises) of the Resources Committee and I also oversee developments in the School's Early Years provision.

ALEX GEORGIU

Associate Member of Governing Body since 05/12/2023

On Resources Committee

I have been a Councillor for the last 11 years and have served as the Councillor for Cockfosters Ward (which includes Hadley Wood) since May 2018. I was also elected to serve as a London-wide Assembly Member in May 2024. 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.

JO LEE

Co-opted Governor

Term of Office: 01/10/2024 – 30/09/2028

Vice-Chair of Governors; Vice-Chair (Staffing) of Resources Committee; on Curriculum & Achievement Committee; Member Governor Forum

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 briefly became an associate member of the Governing Body, but returned for a fourth term as a governor in September 2024 when I was also re-elected as the Vice Chair.

I am the parent of four boys, with one who is now at secondary school after attending Hadley Wood, and three who have finished university. As a result, I 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 currently oversee strategic change and transformation as a member of the leadership team at Royal

Voluntary Service, a national charity that mobilises volunteers at scale across Britain. 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.

NATASHA MATTHEWS

Co-opted Governor

Term of office: 16.12.2025 – 15.12.2029

My name is Natasha Matthews and I was appointed as a co-opted governor for Hadley Wood Primary School in December 2025. I sit on the Curriculum & Achievement committee.

I have an extensive background in primary education for over twenty years in the London boroughs of: Haringey, Enfield and Brent, plus further afield internationally in Guangzhou, China. I currently work as an education senior leader and have previous experience in school governance at another Enfield school. Additionally, I have been a trustee for an arts-based charity for over 20 years, which recently received the Queen's Award in 2022.

I am a strong advocate in incorporating creative practices to curriculum design to support and develop the quality of teaching & learning; pupil engagement and personal development for all pupils to achieve their full potential. I hope to bring the combination of my board experience and education insight to work with governors and senior leaders to further support and build on the success of Hadley Wood Primary School.

RIMAL PATEL

Parent Governor

Term of Office: 23/03/2023 - 22/03/2027

On Resources Committee; Link Governor for GDPR, Training and Learning Walks.

I joined the Governing Body in March 2023 for two reasons: (i) bring a parental perspective to the governing body; and (ii) contribute my external skills and experience to enhance pupil outcomes delivered by HWPS. This commitment is very close to my heart as a father to two daughters in Y4 and Y6 and a strong belief in the huge role schools play in preparing young people for later life.

My professional career has centred on improving customer experience and financial performance 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

Term of Office: 10/03/2023 – 09/03/2027

Chair of Curriculum & Achievement Committee; Link Governor for SEN and Inclusion

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 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 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

Term of Office: 02/03/2025 – 01/03/2029

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.

TOM STACEY

Co-opted Governor

Term of Office: 18/03/2025 – 17/03/2029

Vice-Chair Curriculum & Achievement Committee; Link Governor for Safeguarding

I joined the governing board at Hadley Wood in early 2025 as a co-opted Governor and have since been appointed Link Governor for Safeguarding and Vice-Chair of the Curriculum & Achievement

Committee. My interest in community engagement began early, with my first voluntary role at an after-school club when I was just 15. Now at 23 years of age, although I may lack life experience vs other board members, I offer a unique perspective - one from someone who has just recently left the education system. Outside of Governing, I work as a consultant at a digital marketing agency, supplying brands with social media solutions. With social media increasingly shaping pupils' perceptions, I hope my knowledge of this industry will translate to useful insights into digital behaviours, and positively impact pupils' experience at Hadley Wood.

RICHARD WALKER

Co-opted Governor

Term of Office: 26/02/2026 - 25/02/2030

Chair of Governors; On Curriculum and Achievement and Resources Committees; Member Governor Forum.

I have lived in Hadley Wood since 2012, 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. My two grandsons attended Hadley Wood School and benefited enormously from their education there; my granddaughter is currently in Year 3.

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

Mrs Fran Worby – Headteacher (on Curriculum & Achievement and Resources Committees)

Ms Tina Stanley (Staff Governor – 19/09/2024 – 18/09/2028) + SENDCO/Inclusion Manager (on Curriculum & Achievement Committee); Link Governor for Wellbeing

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