

Martin Primary School Governing Body

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James Oliver
Parent Governor
Chair of Governors



I was elected parent governor in 2023 and appointed Chair in 2025-26. I have lived in East Finchley for many years and have been Head of Science at Christ's College Finchley since 2015. As such I am committed to helping where I can to ensure the continuing success of Martin Primary School for years to come.

I believe that my experience in school management means that I am well placed to support the school and its staff and also to hold the leadership of the school to account where necessary. I have a good understanding of budgeting, data analysis, staffing and human resources, curriculum development, enrichment, safeguarding, and health and safety.

I believe strongly in the power of high quality, inclusive education to transform the life chances of children whatever their background or special educational needs.

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Ziz Chater
Headteacher



I have worked in a number of fantastic schools in a variety of roles. My priority has always been to make sure that all children are safe and happy and that they have the best possible learning experiences in order that they can achieve their very best.

I strive to ensure that when our children leave the school, they are inquisitive and independent learners and that they respect themselves and the people and environment around them.

I work in close partnership with our team of Governors to ensure that we meet these aims and that every child has the chance to develop to their full potential.

Ruth Anders
Co-opted Governor
SEND Governor
Vice Chair of Standards
Committee



Having lived in East Finchley since 1980, I am proud to have been elected as a Co-opted Governor in 2021. As a founder member of the local No2PlasticsN2 campaign, Secretary of the East Finchley Town Team and a Director and regular writer for The Archer newspaper, I believe that joining the Governing Body will give me a further opportunity to contribute to the local community.

I began my working life in the theatre as a stage and production manager for English National Opera and the Royal Shakespeare Company. I spent 12 years in Australia as a Philanthropic Fundraising Manager actively involved in our education programme. I am committed to the vital importance of education and, having recently retired from two decades with the Royal Horticultural Society, I have more time to commit to this important role, particularly in terms of my interest in special needs.

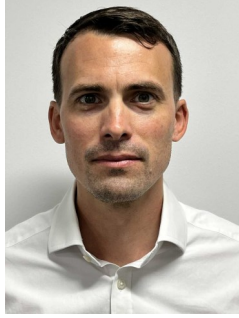
Paul Rossi
Co-opted Governor
Health & Safety Governor



I was elected as a parent governor in March 2017 and I am the designated governor for Health & Safety. We have one son who was a pupil at the school and really enjoyed his time there. He got so much from the whole teaching and learning experience.

I have lived in North London all my life, most of that time in the Borough. I have worked in Further and Higher education in London for the last 20 years. I currently work at a University, where I manage a range of student support services, and am a Designated Safeguarding Person. Most of the students there will end up working in the creative industries, and I share their passion for art, music and creativity.

Tom Child
Parent Governor



I am pleased to be able to give some of my time to support the effective governance of Martin Primary which is a key pillar of this community and of our family as the school we have chosen for our eldest daughter.

I will seek to draw on my extensive public sector experience at a national level as a Civil Servant for two decades working in London, Scotland and Beijing.

My current role is as the Director of the UK's environmental regulator for offshore energy where we ensure industry meets high standards and the protection of the marine environment. Sustainability - environmental and economic - are important areas of focus for me.

Oliver Yaros
Co-opted Governor
Chair of Wellbeing
Committee



I am delighted to have been appointed a co-opted governor of the school.

I am a solicitor who advises international organisations on emerging technologies and data related issues. At work, I have helped charities including Save The Children, Mermaids, RNIB and Alzheimer's Society address some of the complicated legal challenges associated with supporting children, disabled and vulnerable adults. I am passionate about advancing social mobility, diversity and inclusion, mentoring young adults for over 10 years with charities UpRising, 30% Club, 1 Million Mentors and Aspiring Solicitors.

Most importantly, I am a father of two children who have benefited enormously from a local state education. I am originally from Ilford and my wife and I moved to the area because we wanted to raise our family within a diverse, welcoming, nurturing community that we see in East Finchley. I am keen to help the school continue to strengthen its excellent reputation for the benefit of its children and the local community.

Shona Glackin
Staff Governor



I was elected staff governor in April 2022. I have worked at Martin Primary for over 8 years, starting as an NQT and am now part of SLT. Over this time, I have taught in Year 6, 5 and 2, as well as starting and developing the Young Global Ambassadors, supporting our work towards becoming a gold level Rights Respecting School and supporting the maths curriculum across the year groups.

As staff governor, I enjoy being part of a team that supports the headteacher, staff and most importantly, the well-being and safety of all our children.

Tom Rounds
Parent Governor
Chair of Finance
Committee



I am delighted to join Martin Primary as a parent governor. I have a daughter at the school and hopefully my son will also start there in the not-too-distant future.

I currently work as the Chief Financial Officer for a family office, where I act as an advisor to a wealthy family on a wide range of financial and non-financial issues. In the past, I have also served as a trustee for a small children's charity.

I look forward to putting my experience to good use, helping the school to maintain its high standards and negotiate these challenging economic times.

Councillor Claire Farrier
Local Authority Governor



I have been a Councillor for East Finchley ward, Barnet Council, since 2018, and before that Councillor for Burnt Oak since 2003. I raised my children in East Finchley, and all four attended Martin Primary, from 1983 to 1996. So I am delighted, and honoured, to be appointed as LEA governor of Martin now, and to observe the changes and similarities in the school.

My working life was in social care, as a social worker and social care inspector. And in East Finchley I set up and ran the original Toy Library, and a health food store in the High Road. Currently I am also a member of the East Finchley Town Team, and a trustee of Finchley Charities.

Matthew Telvi-blom
Co-opted Governor
Vice Chair of Finance
Committee



I am very pleased to have become a governor at the school. I am a Civil Servant who works on a variety of government communications campaigns. In the past I have been based in the Cabinet Office working on Brexit and I went on to work on the COVID-19 pandemic trying to keep the public up to date on the best health advice. Before being involved in politics I was a radio producer across the BBC.

Outside of work I am a big Arsenal fan and I also enjoy going to stand up comedy. I have lived in North London all of my life and am married with a daughter.

Lauren Baskent
Parent Governor
Vice Chair of Wellbeing
Committee



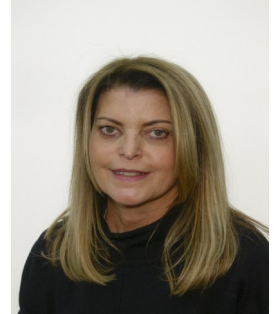
I am a parent governor for two reasons: to support our school in any way that I can, and help it establish a clear vision in a brave new world.

I have a strong interest in fostering wellbeing and community and I am enthusiastic about bringing parents together to reflect a diverse range of voices.

I have been a class representative for Reception and Year One where I have helped parents to remain informed and involved, and organised various fund-raising activities as part of the Martin Home School Association committee. I have encouraged families to become involved with activities in order to help foster a sense of community, ensuring involvement in the overall education of their children.

Professionally, I teach at the university level. I am also a photographer for a number of international press outlets where I cover a wide range of assignments.

Sarah Ashdown Edwards
Co-opted Governor
Chair of Standards
Committee



I am thrilled to be joining Martin Primary School as a co-opted Governor and to be involved again in a school environment.

For the past four years I have been working as a private tutor, teaching primary school children. Before this I spent 20 years working at a primary school in Clapham teaching Years 2 and Year 6. I was also Deputy Head there for 12 years.

I have been lucky enough to work in education for many years and I now feel fortunate to have the opportunity to use my skills in giving back to the local community. I am really looking forward to working as part of a team and hope my experience and knowledge can contribute to helping the school continue to flourish and for all pupils and staff to thrive in their environment.

Gabrielle Sharpe
Co-opted Governor
Safeguarding
Governor



I am privileged to have been elected as a Governor in July 2024. I have lived in the Borough of Barnet my entire life, and in my past role as an Early Years teacher, and my involvement in supporting children with Special Educational Needs, I have worked in several Barnet schools. Outside my teaching career, I have worked in a voluntary capacity as Chair of my children's parent associations at both their primary schools, and for a local charity. I now sit as a Family Magistrate in Barnet Family Court, focusing on the welfare of children, and am a mentor for new magistrates.

Much of my experience to date has centred on supporting children and families in the local community from diverse backgrounds, for them to achieve their best outcomes, taking into consideration the happiness, safety and wellbeing of each child. I have a personal struggle with hearing loss which has highlighted to me the importance of communication in providing a sense of inclusion and security.

Molly Hogan
Parent Governor



Having attended the school myself, I hold a strong personal connection to its values, community and history. The school played a pivotal role in shaping my early education and I am keen to give back by supporting its continued growth and success.

As a teacher, I have worked in schools around the world. This experience has given me a broad perspective on different education systems and practice; I have seen first hand how varied approaches to curriculum, learning support and pupil wellbeing can impact school communities and I hope to bring this insight to support the school's academic and pastoral development.

My time working in diverse educational settings has strengthened my ability to collaborate effectively with staff, parents and wider stakeholders. I am particularly passionate about raising educational standards, promoting inclusive learning environments and ensuring that all pupils are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Helen Richardson-Walsh
Parent Governor



I am a parent of a child in Reception and am pleased to be joining the governing body at Martin School.

I am a former Great Britain hockey player and four-time Olympian, and I'm now training as a sport psychologist with MScs in both Organisational and Sport Psychology. My experience in high-performance environments has taught me the value of teamwork, clear vision, and creating the right conditions for people to thrive.

I care deeply about helping children leave primary school as curious, confident learners who are respectful of themselves, others, and the world around them. I believe in supporting the whole school community – pupils and staff alike – to ensure the environment enables everyone to do reach their potential.

I'm looking forward to contributing to the continued growth and success of our school community.