

Sunil Aggarwal, Governor



Background

I am a long-term Ealing resident, where I live with my wife and 2 children. I have worked in IT for over 25 years, but also have a background in finance. I also have experience in property management.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

I have previously been a governor at another local school, and wanted to carry on this valuable role locally. I believe I can add valuable skills into the existing governor group, and also give back to the local community.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I believe I can bring a range of professional skills to the role, and provide an outside perspective to the running of the school. These could include strategic planning, financial control, identifying issues and providing ideas to whole group for the betterment of the school and community.

Tom Clarkson, Co-Opted Governor



Background

My background is in law. Having worked 12 years in private practice, I moved in-house 6 years ago to work for an international financial services group. I have two daughters – one at Grange and the other who can't wait to start.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary

I'm passionate about every child getting a great education and being given the opportunities to find the things that they're good at. Being a governor allows me to use the skills I've developed at work to help Grange continue to provide the right environment for children to get a great start in life.

What can I bring as a governor to Grange Primary

I bring experience of working as a senior lawyer in diverse international businesses for 15 years and a clear sense of what good governance looks like in successful organisations. I believe that the skills that I use at work on a daily basis contribute to my effectiveness as a governor. In particular, analytical skills – reviewing and critically appraising large amounts of information, identifying trends and issues, and (perhaps most of all) asking lots of questions.

Tara Dodson, Governor



Background

I have worked in a range of Primaries across London since 2011. In 2021, Oxford University Press published the Foundation Stage, Phonics and Spelling programme I co-authored, I now support schools throughout the UK and internationally with delivering the programme and training teachers.

Reasons for becoming a Governor at Grange Primary School

I am an Ealing resident and wanted to give back to the local community. My husband attended Grange many years ago! Grange feels like a special place, where the children's thoughts and feelings are as heard and valued. Having been a teacher for many years, I am passionate about education and ensuring that all children access the very best curriculum and resources we have to offer. All children deserve an inspiring and engaging education. By becoming a governor, I hope to support the school to deliver this for every child.

What I can bring as a Governor to Grange Primary School

I have many years of experience in Education and bring the perspective of teacher and parent. Working with many schools on a daily basis, along with having led a Department for Education English Hub gives me a knowledge of the priorities of education on the whole alongside supporting teachers and schools to deliver on these visions.

Rev. Joy French, Local Authority Governor



Background

I am the vicar of St. Mary's Church, which is right next door to Grange. I became vicar of St. Mary's in September 2025, and we moved from Sheffield to London for this role. For the last 30 years, I have worked with children and families in a variety of ways: In the church as a priest, as a foster carer in my own home, as a learning mentor in primary schools, as a clinician in a CAMHS team and as a youth worker. I am mum of three, and have experience of SEND both professionally and as a parent. I am the co-founder of a trauma informed intensive family support project based in South Yorkshire, and I am committed to supporting positive mental health for all children and young people.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

As vicar of St. Mary's, I think it is really important that the local church is present and connected with the community. St. Mary's church wants to be a good neighbour and friend to Grange, and I am looking forward to getting more involved in school life.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I can bring my knowledge and experience of how to support children's mental health and wellbeing across a range of settings. I am experienced in governance and organisational leadership and I am actively involved in the community.

Helen Green, Co-Opted Governor



Background

My background is in market research and data analysis. I lead commercial operations for a well-known website based on London. I have been Chair of the Parent Teacher Association at Grange since November 2019. I have two children at the school.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

I believe Grange's vision to nurture excellence together strikes exactly the right balance between encouraging academic brilliance and helping children develop into kind, thoughtful people. Having been lucky enough to spend a lot of time at the school in my role as PTA Chair, I wanted to give more of my time to the school that my children and I both so enjoy being a part of.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I work for a business that is purpose-led and have built up experience of data-led decision making amidst many competing factors. It's also part of my remit to drive business costs down without compromising on quality, effectiveness or efficiency of the team or their output. I believe this experience from the private sector can be useful in the role as Governor

Maxime Henault, Co-opted Governor



Background

I have over 30 years of experience in finance, having held senior roles across international technology, media, and insurance companies. I began my career in audit at a Big Four firm before progressing into controllership, accounting, and finance leadership positions. I am a local Ealing resident.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

I wanted to give back to my local community and use the professional skills I have developed over my career to support a local school. Grange Primary is a fantastic school in a wonderful part of Ealing, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to its continued success.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I bring strong expertise in financial governance, budget oversight, strategic planning, and risk management, developed through decades of working in large, complex international organisations. I also have a keen interest in how artificial intelligence is shaping education — both in terms of preparing pupils for a future where AI literacy is essential, and in ensuring children stay safe in an increasingly digital world. I look forward to supporting the school in both its financial stewardship and its forward-looking approach to technology and learning.

Jamie Maloy, Headteacher



Background

I started teaching around 20 years ago, in a range of schools in London and Buckinghamshire. This school is my second headship within the London Borough of Ealing.

Reasons for becoming a Governor at Grange Primary School

Grange is a special school; although we benefit from the resources of a large school, we still have the nurturing, whole-child, feel of a small school. Making sure that children learn not only Reading, Writing and Maths but also receive a broad, specialist curriculum makes us particularly proud. Driving the whole school community through the Governors is a great way to ensure we're all involved in making Grange Primary the best school in the area.

What I can bring as a Governor to Grange Primary School

I have a wide range of experiences in education, and am also a Governor of another local Ealing school. I am a member of the Ealing Schools Forum, and am actively involved with the Ealing Learning Partnership (ELP). These experiences and skills help me, as Headteacher, to translate the strategic direction of the Governing Body into day-to-day positive actions in school.

Mari Sakano, Co-opted Governor



Background

I am a child and adolescent psychiatrist from Tokyo with over 20 years of clinical experience. After completing a Master's degree in the UK, I returned to Japan to establish my own clinic, then later came back to the UK. For the past five years in Ealing, I have been supporting immigrant children with SEND and their families.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

I was drawn to Grange for its inclusive and diverse community. I am honoured to serve as a governor and particularly interested in ensuring every child feels welcomed and valued.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I bring expertise in child development and mental health, especially in supporting children with SEND, neurodivergence, and school attendance challenges. I am also passionate about promoting inclusion and understanding for children from multilingual and migrant backgrounds.

Neema Sempebwa, Co-opted Governor



Background

I have a BSc(hons) in Computer Science and worked within the technology industry for over 12 years. I have also held many volunteer positions working with young people as in the local community with youth clubs, youth offending teams and mentoring programs. I am a qualified counsellor and have worked counselling young people in the local community. I now run my own fitness coaching business specialising in pre and post natal fitness.

Reason for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

I have a daughter who recently started at Grange and have a keen interest in the educational standards both now and in the future. I am passionate about the education and the well being of all children and strongly believe that it truly does start during their early years. I also wish to be more active in the local community. Becoming a parent governor would be a role that I believe would support this, whilst also providing me the opportunity to support the school as it continues to strive for high standards of educational achievement and conduct.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I feel all children need to be supported and given every opportunity to succeed and better themselves in life. I bring several years of experience working alongside young people and their caregivers from differing backgrounds to work together to provide the best for them. Through my skills and practical experience in this field, I will continue to advocate for all children and their families

Sarah Welscher, Parent Governor



Background

My background is in research fundraising and management within a university setting, where I have spent over 20 years coordinating and securing funding for population health research. I have two children at Grange, and have been actively involved in supporting the PTA, particularly by helping to organise the pre-loved uniform sales. Being involved in school life has given me a real appreciation of the welcoming and supportive community at Grange.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary

I'm passionate about ensuring every child receives an excellent education and has the opportunity to discover their strengths and reach their full potential. Becoming a governor gives me the opportunity to use my professional skills to support Grange in continuing to provide an environment where all children can thrive, while giving something back to the school.

What can I bring as a governor to Grange Primary

I bring over 20 years' experience of fundraising, strategic planning and building successful partnerships within higher education, and local and national government. My work involves analysing complex information, developing long-term strategy and working collaboratively with a wide range of people to achieve shared goals. I also hope to bring an evidence-informed perspective through my links with research, helping the school to continue making thoughtful decisions that benefit all pupils.

Elizabeth Youard, Co-opted Governor



Background

I work as a company secretary in the charity sector, following my managerial career of 30 years working with the NHS and local authorities. Governance, strategic development and stakeholder engagement have constantly featured in my work and I've seen board decision making in these different settings.

Reasons for becoming a governor at Grange Primary School

I leapt at the opportunity to serve my local community by joining the governing body at Grange Primary School. The school's been close to my home since 2004 which makes its locality familiar to me. A life-long learner myself, I value education for the benefits it brings.

What I can bring as a governor to Grange Primary School

I am committed to partnership working and to enabling accountability for delivering the best possible outcomes for children. I bring my previous experience as a governor of a primary school in Greenford and a trustee on a charity board. Having worked as an external assessor of local public services, my background helps me to see different perspectives. I am keen to promote equality and diversity because inclusive practices can support everyone to create environments in which every child can flourish.