

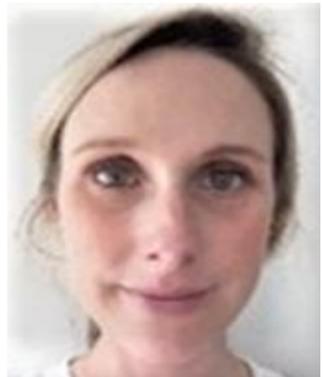
Meet the Governors 2025 - 2026

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BEATRICE ANDREWS	Chair of Governors	Governing Body	July 2027	Chairperson of Governing Body and Resources Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, Performance Reviews	None



Beatrice is a Senior Civil Servant in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, where she is responsible for Local Government Reorganisation. The biggest program of local government reform since the 1970s, reorganisation will create new unitary councils in place of the remaining 21 two-tier areas in England. Beatrice previously worked on local growth policy and funding in MHCLG. Before that, she led the Policy Lab, an innovation unit in the UK government that puts people at the center of policy making and inspired many similar practices and units nationally and globally. In her early career, Beatrice worked at the National Lottery, establishing and advising on grant programs and practices. Beatrice has an MBA from the Open University and is a graduate of the government's Major Projects Leadership Academy. She lives in Hackney with her family and enjoys rowing on the River Lea, cycling and running through the borough's green spaces.

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DOROTHY HODGSON	Co-Opted Governor since July 2022	Governing Body	July 2026	Vice Chair of Governing Body, Teaching and Learning Committee	None



Dot Hodgson works at London Borough of Hackney as a SEND and Education Commissioner, designing and overseeing services for children and young people. Prior to that she worked at the Greater London Authority as Principal Policy and Projects Officer in the Children and Young Londoners Team managing large scale grant funding programs for young people and advising on policy priorities for young Londoners. She also worked in Hackney for 8 years as a project manager, teacher and mentor at Inspire, an education charity based in Dalston. This included leading the Additional Needs Team, which specialised in supporting children with special educational needs in colleges, schools, pupil referral units and alternative provisions across East London. Dot is a qualified secondary school English teacher and an enthusiastic mentor to young people. She has lived in Hackney all her life, has two sons and loves swimming in London Fields Lido.

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RHIANNON EGLIN	Co-Opted Governor since October 2024	Governing Body	October 2028	Teaching and Learning Committee	Employed at Hackney Education
	<p>Rhiannon has been a Governor at Stormont House since 2024. She is a qualified SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) and has been teaching young people with additional needs in East London Schools for over 12 years. She works as a Specialist Teacher for the Inclusion Team at Hackney Education. In this role, Rhiannon offers advice, guidance and training on inclusion to schools. She is involved in the development of a new project Education Youth Inclusion Team (EYIT) which will help champion inclusion in Hackney's schools. Rhiannon is very committed to making sure all young people have a positive, enjoyable and inclusive educational experience. In addition, she is a keen Musician and in her spare time she runs music and film events for the community. Rhiannon has been Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee since 2021.</p>				

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MARIANA CRUZ	Co-Opted Governor Since March 2025	Governing Body	March 2029	Resources Committee	
	<p>Mariana is a solicitor and works at Magic Circle Law firm. Her practice focuses on derivatives and structured financial products. Mariana joined Stormont House as a Co-opted governor in 2025 and is also a member of the Resources Committee. Before joining Stormont House, Mariana was a community governor at a pupil referral unit in Islington. Mariana has 2 kids who attend Hackney primary schools/ nurseries and her favourite place in Hackney is the De Beauvoir square rose garden</p>				

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MARK MOUNA	Co-Opted Governor since July 2025	Governing Body	July 2029	Resources Committee	
	<p>Mark Mouna works in the Children and Young Londoners team at the Greater London Authority, bringing close to 10 years' experience of working with children and young people across London.</p> <p>He is passionate about ensuring young people have a platform and are directly involved in advising on the issues that affect them the most. Mark has strong expertise in safeguarding practices and is deeply committed to ensuring young people are supported to thrive.</p> <p>In his spare time, you'll likely find him cycling round London, discovering new and unusual sights along the way.</p>				

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BENAZIR GUHA	Co-Opted Governor Since November 2025	Governing Body	November 2029	Resources Committee	
	<p>Benazir is a Stormont House Governor since 2025.</p> <p>She has over 20 years of change management experience, driving global transformation programs and large project teams across the financial services sector.</p> <p>She is passionate and committed to SEND. In her spare time Benazir enjoys time with her children and dog and is an avid reader and traveler.</p>				

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EMILIO BIESLA	Co-Opted Governor since November 2025	Governing Body	November 2029	Teaching & Learning	



Emilio Bielsa is an appointed governor at Stormont House School, bringing over 20 years of leadership experience in technology, strategy, and governance within global organisations. In his professional role, he leads teams responsible for delivering secure digital platforms used by millions of people worldwide.

Emilio is passionate about inclusion, safeguarding, and ensuring that young people with special educational needs and disabilities are supported to thrive. As a governor, he is committed to providing strong oversight, constructive challenge, and long-term thinking to support the school's leadership and staff.

Outside of work, Emilio enjoys mentoring, coaching, and lifelong learning, and values the important role schools play in shaping confidence, opportunity, and independence for young people.

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ANDRE DEEN-SWARAY	LA Governor since August 2025	Governing Body	August 2029	Resources Committee	



André Deen-Swaray is an Architectural Assistant at Foster and Partners and a committed advocate for young people's wellbeing. Motivated by his experience with family members with autism, he is passionate about mental health and ensuring students feel represented and supported.

He brings hands-on experience from being an existing mentor and having led school-oriented outreach programs with sixth form students in Brixton through the Amos Bursary. These roles have given him strong insight into both student needs and the pressures facing teachers.

André's strengths include analytical thinking, design thinking, collaboration, and a commitment to equity. Currently completing an MSc in Architecture and Part III professional qualifications at Oxford Brookes, he is enthusiastic about contributing his lived experience, creativity, and holistic perspective to the governing board.

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JUDIT KIMPIAN	Parent Governor since January 2025	Governing Body	January 2029	Teaching & Learning Committee	
	<p>Judit is an architect and environmental design expert teaching net zero design and policy at the Bartlett, UCL with a background in building performance research in schools. She also works with professional bodies in the UK and the EU, including the RIBA, the Construction Industry Council, and the Architects' Council of Europe, driving policy reform to achieve a high-quality, sustainable built environment. She is an experienced SEND governor and advocate for SEND families through the Hackney Parent Carer Forum Advisory Group and other voluntary forums.</p>				

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GARY PLEASANTS	Parent Governor since January 2025	Governing Body	January 2029	Resources Committee	
	<p>Gary is a newly elected parent governor. Previously he has been a parent governor at his daughter's former primary school and served on the governing body for eight years. In that time, He was a member of the school's finance committee, chair of its resources committee, and safeguarding link governor for the school. Outside of school life, he is a member of the Waltham Forest Parents Forum and was a panel member that co-designed the borough's latest SEND strategy and local offer. In his working life Gary is a co-owner of a communications agency that specialises in community consultation and political communications. In his spare time Gary tends to the family allotment with his daughter, enjoys holidaying in France and Ireland, and get depressed by the mediocrity of his favoured football team.</p>				



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KEVIN MCDONNELL	Headteacher	n/a	n/a	Governing Body, Resources Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee	None



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JUSTYNA SAGAN	Staff Governor since November 2024	Staff at SHS	November 2028	Teaching and Learning Committee	Employed at SHS