**Governor Profiles**

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| **Name** | **Governor Role(s)** | **Profile** |
| Mr Peter Malcolm | Chair  Standards and Curriculum  Committee  Finance Committee  Safeguarding/LAC | I am Chair of the Governing Board and also Chair of the Finance Committee and Standards Committee. I am also the Safeguarding Governor.  I became a Godwin Parent Governor in December 2000 and Chair of Governors in 2006. During this time I have served continuously on the Finance Committee and the also on the Standards Committee from when this was first established.  I have worked in banking and finance in the City of London for over 35 years. I have spent time in both a UK retail bank and a US bank and currently head up a team of corporate trustees for a global financial company. My team manages a wide variety of corporate trust structures in the Debt and Capital Markets sphere.  I am Principal Cornet in the Pavilion Brass Band (the only brass band based in Dagenham) and am a season ticket holder at Dagenham & Redbridge FC who I follow both home and away.  I was raised in Dagenham and still continue to live in the Borough. My wife attended Godwin as a child and both of my boys attended the School.  I originally joined the Governing Board as a Parent Governor when, having seen the excellent education my children were provided with, I wanted to “give something back”. My aim is now, and has always been, to try and bring my own life and work experiences, expertise, and general knowhow to the School setting, to challenge and assist the School leadership in providing the very best education to every child who comes to Godwin. My passion is to play a part in seeing every child at Godwin reach their full potential. |
| Mr Martin Vidler | Vice-chair  Standards and Curriculum  Committee  Finance Committee  H, S & W Committee  Link Governor - H, S & W | My son attended Godwin from Reception in 2005 and, as my occupation afforded me a degree of flexibility, I found myself helping out on school trips and other organised events. In 2007 I decided to assist further by making myself available as a Parent Governor and following the initial training, I was mentored into the role by an excellent team in conjunction with top-up training which provided the additional guidance required to validate my contribution. I have lived in Dagenham since 1988 and have been self-employed my entire working life. I run a small fleet of London Taxis and prior to that I had a building company. I have various outside interests which include football, music and I have been an active Freemason for 20 years. I am heavily involved with Freemasons charities, which have been responsible for providing London with a second Air Ambulance and are now aiming to acquire two Extended Height Aerial Vehicles for the London Fire Brigade to help avoid anything like the tragedy of Grenfell Tower ever happening again. I have derived much enjoyment over the years from my association with Godwin to the extent that, even following my son’s departure to Secondary School, I was happy to continue to offer my time - now augmented with some good experience - to give something back for providing my son with a good education and a childhood full of wonderful memories. Going forward, I hope to provide continued support to the School and to assist in the overall challenges enabling the sustained improvement Godwin has enjoyed over many years. |
| Mrs Venilia  Amorim | Local Authority Governor Standards and Curriculum  Committee | Having worked in the financial and publishing industries for 18 years as a financial editor and journalist, and being a parent to two young children, I was keen to offer my financial and editorial experiences as well as my analytical points of view to the school.  I am also treasurer for the local residents’ association and a parent Governor at Riverside School.   I joined the Governing Body in 2012 and became a governor to be more involved with the school as a parent and, hopefully, give a parent perspective to the full governing body. I continue to work with the other school Governors to ensure that Godwin Primary School continues to offer all children their best possible education and life opportunity.  I am committed to ensuring that our school offers all pupils the very best start in life, to achieve the best outcomes in the wider curriculum, whilst at the same time maintaining a secure, safe, nurturing and happy environment. |
| Mr Nasir  Sheikh | Co-opted Governor  Standards and Curriculum  Committee  Link Governor - English | I am a Co-opted Governor, one of the Link Governors for English and also on the Standards Committee.  I have been on the board of governors at Godwin for eight years and was also a governor at Jo Richardson Community School for two years.  I am working as a supply teacher, usually teaching maths in secondary schools, but was teaching in primary schools last term.  I also work as a bus driver.  I love most sports, but cannot do much anymore due to a lack of time, age and health!  I love learning languages - especially proverbs and sayings and their translations.  I am a Muslim and think it is vital that people get a better understanding and acceptance of each other’s points of view.  I have lived in Dagenham since 2001, my son attended Godwin school, and I worked at the local Asda for eleven years.  I am obviously interested in education, being a teacher, and am also interested in its role in maintaining and improving society in terms of morals and wellbeing.  I would like to think that I am giving back to the school (as my son went here) and to the community, and also to the UK education system, since I went through the whole system, including university, myself. |
| Mrs Val Fage | Co-opted Governor  H, S & W Committee  Link Governor - SEND | I became a Governor when I retired in 2018 because I wanted to ‘give something back’ to the school and the community.  My own children all attended Godwin and this, coupled with the fact that I was a member of staff at the school for 32 years, means that I feel I know the school well.  My initial experience in school included working with children with SEND; in addition, one of my own children has special needs. I therefore feel well-equipped to take on the role of Link Governor for SEND.  For many years, I worked in the school office as the Finance Manager.  I believe I can use all of this knowledge to support the work of the Governing Board and to help the school to become even better than it already is. |
| Mr Thomas Southall | Parent Governor  Finance Committee  H, S & W Committee | I have been a Godwin Governor since May 2014.  I work for a non-Governmental Organization that works with different national and industrial members to make the rules around navigating ships.  My interests include travelling, history and I am an avid West Ham supporter.  Dagenham has been my home for my entire life and my children have attended Godwin Primary School.  I volunteered to become a Governor because I wanted to support the school and local community using the experience and skills I have learnt in my working life.  It is the most rewarding and enjoyable role that I undertake and I hope helps the school and local children to succeed. |
| Mr Stephen Moran | Staff Governor  Standards and Curriculum  Committee | Being a Canadian national who has also lived in Italy and studied in Australia, I have a varied experience of life that enables me to provide a different perspective on education, and this was something unique that I felt that I was able to offer to Godwin governance.  I have worked in Barking and Dagenham on two separate occasions from January 2008 until May 2008 and since September 2008.  Previously, as a supply teacher, I have worked in numerous secondary schools and many of the borough’s primary schools.  I believe that this has enabled me to develop an in-depth understanding of the borough and the context of our young people.  I am now in my 11th year at Godwin and I feel extremely lucky that the school believed in me enough to hire me as a permanent teacher.  During my time here, I have grown as an individual, as a teacher and now as a middle leader.  I believe passionately about the role that education plays in the growth of an individual but also in the need for schools to develop the whole child.  This is why I have also dedicated my time to coach our students in football and to take on the role of PE coordinator.  I have stayed at the school because I fundamentally believe in the ethos and values that it holds.  I applied to be the staff governor because I want to support the school to move from strength to strength and because I feel that the positive relationships that I have built with staff, students and parents will encourage me to strive to be the best governor that I can. |
| Mr Brian Ward | Co-opted Governor  Link Governor - English | I joined the teaching profession in 1994, after forging a successful career in commercial and retail management. Now, twenty-six years later, I have extensive experience of pastoral, academic and co-curricular management at leading schools within the state and independent sectors.  My early career began as a teacher of English and I was quickly promoted to Head of Year 7, then Deputy Head of Lower School (Pastoral). From this, I then crossed over into academic management as a Head of English in a boys’ grammar school, then as Head of Faculty at a leading girls’ independent school which has led to my current position as Head of English then Senior Teacher: External Relations.  Throughout my career, I have been praised for my leadership skills and my ability to innovate, create, lead and direct and I enjoy the challenge that today’s fast-paced world of education offers.  Having extensive experience in academic, pastoral and representational management, I therefore feel I am well placed to contribute to the Governing Board of Godwin Primary School. |
| Mr Christopher Staunton | Parent Governor | I believe in active citizenship and that the education system, and therefore the children, benefit from the input of lay people, particularly the parents of children attending a specific school having an input into the management of that school.  I have served as a school Governor at several schools for over 7 years including as a co-opted Governor of a primary school in Essex, where I took part in all aspects of the board’s work. I anticipate that my previous experience as a school Governor will assist me in contributing to the future work of the Godwin Board.  I am a Magistrate on the East London bench as well as having been bought up and educated in Dagenham.  I served as a union representative in a FTSE 100 Company for over 10 years.  I am a director of two limited companies.  I already play an active part in the FrOGS and helped with registering it with the charity commission to assist in accessing funds from different sources. |
| Mr Dilwar Hussain | Parent Governor | I have lived in the local community for quite some time now and have always taken an interest in my daughters’ school activities. I would now like to be more hands on and explore how things are done as a member of the Governing Board. I also have a lot of ideas I want to share, I just did not know how to go about raising these previously.  I am a qualified accountant and have been practising for more than 10 years now in a local firm. I am a qualified security personnel and have been working in the security industry for the past 14 years. I have various skills that range from Finance, HR, legal, Health and Safety to Government, ethics etc. I believe I can make a good contribution to the governing board in various different areas. |