



Charnwood Primary School

Governor Biographies

Ms Nazma Jassat

I have been the Head teacher at Charnwood Primary School since September 2015. I have an excellent team of teachers, support staff and a committed governing body. All my teaching and leadership experience over the past 20 years has been in schools that served multicultural and multifaith communities. My own experience as a multilingual learner has helped me to understand and contribute to the development of pupils with English as an additional language here at Charnwood. In order of fluency I speak English, Portuguese, Gujarati and Urdu.

Having grown up and lived in Leicester for the past 30 years I feel privileged to be the Head teacher of this amazing school and to play an integral part in enhancing and enriching experiences of children in the local community.

Mr Farhaan Patel

I qualified as a Teacher in 2002, having completed my PGCE at the University of Leicester. After successfully completing my NQT year at Charnwood, I spent time teaching in many different year groups and took on various roles, including SENCo and Phase Leader. In 2011 I was appointed as the Deputy Head, initially in charge of KS2 and currently with whole school responsibility.

I was born and raised in Leicester, and grew up less than a mile away from the school. I feel this 'local knowledge' helps me serve the school and its community well and drives me to work tirelessly for successful outcomes for all pupils, both in terms of academic achievement and progress as well as social and emotional development.

Mr Iqbal Lambat

My name is Iqbal Lambat and I am 53 years of age. I am married and have two children. I have been living in Leicester since 1984.

I am an Accountant by profession and have been in business in the local community for over 30 years.

Both my children attended Charnwood Primary School and I have been associated with the Governing Body for over twenty years.

I am a Chair of a committed Governing Body and together we have seen the school grow from good to outstanding. I am proud to be part of a wonderful setup at Charnwood with our leadership team and staff, supportive parents and above all excellent children willing to learn and work hard with an ever present smile.

Mr Mansoor Karim

I am married and all my children are past pupils at Charnwood Primary School.

I have been a governor for over 10 years and have served under three different head teachers.

I am currently a joint vice chair and also chair the finance and personnel committee.

At present I am a local authority governor. I am passionate about our children attaining the highest standards with all round support under a safe and happy environment and endeavour to work along with all stakeholders.

Mrs Isabell Pasternicki

I have had the good fortune of being around young children for most of my life - initially as a child myself, then as a primary school teacher, mother and now grandmother of four. I believe the early years are vital in shaping children's development and as a Governor I am able to work with the school to ensure that children develop well in all areas, achieve as best they can and are happy in themselves.

Mrs Tanveera Juneja

I am a parent governor and have been for over 8 years. I was born in Leicester and live in Leicester. I am married and have 6 children and love to spend time with my family.

By profession I'm a Hair and Beauty Therapist, at the moment I work for the transports for the SEN children for their safety needs.

I passionately believe that school should be a safe and happy place, where all children are treated equally and given a rounded education which enables them to develop all the skills and knowledge they will need in the future.

Mrs Afsana Bagwan

I am a qualified social worker and work part time at Leicester city council. I have been a parent governor at Charnwood primary school since 2013. I currently have two children enrolled at this school. I am committed to work closely with all the staff, pupils, parents and the governing body to ensure we achieve the best outcome for the school.

Mrs Hava Makda

I have been working at Charnwood since 2001. I started work as a TA and I have now progressed to becoming a qualified teacher. I have also been a staff governor for the past few years. All my children were educated at Charnwood. The ethos of the school gave them a good start at their relevant secondary schools.

Mr Ebrahim Makda

I am a former Charnwood Primary School student, and a computer science graduate.

I am very much part of the local community having grown up and lived in Highfields for most of my life.

Mr Ishaq Dadhiwala

Having grown up locally and having attended Charnwood Primary and other local schools, I went on to graduate with a Master in Chemistry. Since then I have worked for a number of multinational companies in research and development and more recently in scientific sales. In my spare time I have served a number of local community groups and charities.

Miss Shaakirah Kasuji

I was elected Parent Governor in January of 2017. My daughter is currently in year 2. I grew up in Batley, West Yorkshire and graduated from the University of Leeds in 2004. I completed my PGCE the year after and have since worked as a Secondary School Geography teacher. After getting married I moved to Leicester and have been working as a teacher at Bosworth Academy in Desford. I am very passionate about education and look forward to the challenges of seeing how a school operates from a different perspective.