



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 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.

Mr Mahomed Rafik

I have been a governor for many years.

I am currently a joint Vice Chair of Governors and the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee. I am also part of all the other committees.

I have lived in Leicester for over 35 years and I am familiar with the local knowledge.

I have 4 children, all born in Leicester, and they have all attended Charnwood Primary School.

We all work collaborately as a team, staff, pupils, governors, parents and others including all professional bodies all to ensure quality education for all children ,fairness, achieve their best and attain highest standards in a happy and safe environment.

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.

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 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.

Mr Zakir Sarang

I am a parent of children attending Charnwood, I was recently selected to become a governor. I am from the local area and attended Charnwood Primary School when I was young. I am passionate about creating the right atmosphere and environment for our children to be educated in. Hopefully with the right education and upbringing, we can help create citizens for a positive society for the future. I have experience in working for a large multinational company and am currently running my own business. I enjoy socialising and spending quality time with my family.

Mrs Sana Ahmad

Hello my name is Sana Ahmad. I am an early years manager of a setting based in Leicester, I have experience in childcare for over 12 years. Also I have a degree in early years and education.

The degree has helped my understanding of child development and how important early stages of life are with young children, also how us early years workers play a vital role in their development. I also am a mother to three beautiful princesses. My role as being a parent is most definitely the best job ever but at the same time I also love to help young learners flourish in their early stages of life.

My hobbies include drawing /sketching, I am a self taught make up artist and a hamper designer too.

I believe I took interest in becoming a governor as I always wanted to be part of Charnwood , personally because I love the way children are being taught at such a young age and how teachers at Charnwood thrive to give their best to encourage students to go that one bit further. I believe I may be helpful to promote early years and can give in house training in early years or the development matters book (the Dfe document). I would love to share ideas to promote Charnwood Primary School and to be a part of the school.

Mrs Nancy Metcalfe

I qualified as a Teacher in 2001, 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 have taken on various roles, including SENCo. I am currently teaching in upper KS2 and have had the opportunity to train and further develop my practice.

My experience of working throughout the school has helped me to understand each phase better and I adapt my teaching style to suite our needs. Having worked with various staff I have also developed good relationships and I'm approachable.

As a governor I hope to uphold the school values and ethos and will be able to work closely with another aspect of the school.

Mrs Anesha Khalifa

My name is Anesha Khalifa. I am married and have two beautiful daughters who attend Charnwood Primary School. Charnwood was my primary school too, as I grew up with the Highfields community and I am very proud to say I am born and bred in Leicester.

I work as a Systems Manager at Next head offices, I have been working with Next for over 15 years. I started working part time in the call centre at Gedding Rd whilst I was studying for my degree (Business Information Systems) at De Montfort University. Soon after I graduated I moved into the systems role and I absolutely love my role as it evolves my skills on a daily basis.

I have always worked in private sector, so I am quite excited to be working in the public sector to learn and help by putting my professional experiences towards making improvements in the school especially for working parents.

I really enjoy spending time with my family and especially going on holidays with them. Over the last two years I have visited many countries such as Dubai, Turkey, Morocco and in England St Ives and Wales.

Mr Mohamed Sajid Makda

I have started my educational journey from this lovely school and I am proud that my four children attend this School. It would be a privilege to be a part and to serve as a Parent Governor. I would promise to bring absolute commitment and enthusiasm to the role and to do all that I can to contribute to the continued success of our school. I am excited about the prospect of taking an active role in the school's progress. I would like to help ensure that the school provides the best possible opportunities for our children and parents now and in the future. I have worked in Banking and Retail most of my life and am used to the various regulations which constantly change and regularly carry out assessments providing risk and controls. If luck enough to be elected this would become a very special role within the school. I can assure you of my continued energy and enthusiasm to ensure that our school remains the wonderful place it is.