

# Governors

## Beecroft Garden Governing Body

We are very lucky at Beecroft Garden to have a very active Governing Body that works closely with the school to improve educational attainment.

The Governors are:

Chair of Governors	Sharon Long
Parent Governor	Emma Cole
Parent Governor	Claudine Munro-Lafon
Co-opted Governor	Antoinette Hoffland
Co-opted Governor	Mick McGuire
Co-opted Governor	Mubeen Bhutta
Co-opted Governor	Nicholas Ostrowski
Co-opted Governor	Susie Labinjoh
Staff Governor	Caroline Brodie-Browne
Headteacher	Graham Voller

All Governors can be contacted via the school office either by email [admin@beecroftgarden.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beecroftgarden.lewisham.sch.uk) or by letter, please mark your envelope private and confidential and it will be forwarded to the named Governor.

### **About the governors**

Governors are appointed for four years. It's a voluntary role, so governors aren't paid for the work they do for the governing board. The chair of governors leads the governing board and is elected every two years by them. Each committee is also headed by a chair, elected by the committee members. Parent governors are elected to the governing board by parents and teachers elect a teacher representative. Community governors are appointed from within the local community providing the governing board agrees.

### **Role of school governors**

The governing board at Beecroft Garden Primary School is made up of 9 governors. We provide strategic leadership and accountability for the school. We appoint the Headteacher and with the Headteacher, we appoint the Deputy Head.

We meet regularly to assess how the school is performing and to make sure it is managed effectively. We don't get involved in the day to day running of the school, individual complaints or do fundraising.

We all meet twice a term for a full governors meeting.

We have two committees:

- the resources committee looks in detail at how the school's money is spent
- the curriculum committee looks at how and what the children are taught and how they are performing

Each committee meets separately at least once a term.

Discussions of each meeting and the decisions made are recorded in writing. Lewisham Council provides us with a clerk who independently minutes our meetings.

You can view the published minutes of the governor's meetings. Please contact school reception for details.

### **How Lewisham Council helps us**

Beecroft Garden is a local authority maintained school, supported and held to account by Lewisham Council.

The council supports governors by providing information, training sessions and conferences. They publish a governor's handbook every term that highlights any key changes that could affect the running of the school.

Lewisham Council decides if our governing body structure complies with rules set by the Department for Education.

### **School priorities for 2015-16**

The governors have agreed that the school's priorities for 2017 to 2018 are:

**To further enhance leadership capacity and skills and continue to develop future leaders, especially those in middle leadership roles**

**To embed the use of effective feedback strategies to engage and challenge all learners**

**To raise the number of children achieving greater depth in RWM**

**To develop the positive well-being of the school community so that the school's values are reflected in our behaviours**

**Data assessment systems effectively track progress to ensure all groups of learners make good or better progress**

**To enhance early provision through embedding effective partnerships with parents**

## **Meet the Governors**



Sharon Long

My name is Sharon Long and I am the chair of Governors at Beecroft Garden. I live just up the road and it has been fantastic to watch how the school has developed over the last couple of years, both in terms of the new lovely building but also the amazing teachers and curriculum. I really enjoy being a governor at the school and helping the school to be an amazing place for local children. I feel like we are all on an incredible journey to have one of the best schools in Lewisham that we can all be very proud of.



## Emma Cole

I'm Emma Cole and I'm Vice Chair of Governors at Beecroft. I'm a parent governor with two daughters at the school. I'm passionate about good community schools: every child should be able to have a great start to their education. Being a governor is my way of helping to make that happen – and also satisfying the control freak in me who wants to know what's going on in my children's school!

I work part time as a civil servant, on renewable energy. I love reading books and going to museums with my daughters, cycling, gardening, camping with my partner Tas and our girls, and eating!



## Mick McGuire

A co-opted member of the Governing Body since 2012 and also a member of the Resources and Pay Committee.

I'm a Lewisham resident of 40 years and have been a primary school governor in Lewisham prior to my involvement with Beecroft. I am now retired following a career in the housing association sector. My areas of experience include financial management, housing development and business risk appraisal and risk management.

My current term as governor is due to end in 2017.



**Mubeen Bhutta**

I'm a local parent with children at a primary school in the borough and work in the charity sector. I am passionate about the opportunities that education can open up, and the importance of early education in overcoming disadvantages. I'm really pleased to be part of Beecroft's journey.

**Nicholas Ostrowski**

**Claudine Munro-Lafon**

**Caroline Brodie-Browne**

# BEECROFT GARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE

Reconstituted 1/9/13

9 governor places

Headteacher	1
Staff	1
Nominated by the London Borough of Lewisham (appointed by the Governing Body)	1
Elected parents of pupils attending the school	2
Co-opted	4

Chair of the Governing Body – Ms Sharon Long

Vice Chair of the Governing Body – Ms Emma Cole

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Curriculum Committee – Chair – Ms Mubeen Bhutta

Resources and Pay Committee – Chair – Mr Mick McGuire

**Pupil Discipline Committee / Staff Discipline Committee / Dismissal Committee / Complaints Committee / Pay Appeals Committee**

Membership to comprise any three members of the Governing Body having regard to availability, personal knowledge or involvement in a case, and any advice from Lewisham Personnel regarding the appropriate make up of a committee.

**Clerk to the Governing Body:** Mrs Jackie Woods, Governors' Services, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU

## Governors' details (for each governor who has served at any point over the past 12 months) – March 2018

FULL NAME	CATEGORY	APPOINTED BY	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TERM OF OFFICE (NO OF YEARS AND END DATE)		DATE RESIGNED	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	RESPONSIBILITIES	VOTING RIGHT (IF ASSOCIATE MEMBER)
Ms Mubeen Bhutta	Co-opted	Governing Body	16/6/16	4	15/6/20	-	Curriculum	Chair, Curriculum Committee	
Ms Caroline Brodie-Brown	Staff	Staff election	2/2/17	4	1/2/21		Curriculum	Link gov FoBS	
Ms Emma Cole	Parent	Parent election	22/9/17	4	21/9/21	-	Curriculum	Vice Chair	
Ms Antoinette Hoffland	Co-opted	Governing Body	30/9/14	4	29/9/18	6/2/18	Curriculum	Link gov Website Link gov Data	
Ms Sharon Long	LA	Governing Body	17/9/17	4	16/9/21	-	Curriculum	Chair Link gov Children's Centre Link gov safeguarding	
Mr Mick McGuire	Co-opted	Governing Body	17/9/13	4	16/9/17	-	Resources and Pay	Chair, Resources and Pay Committee Link gov Premises / health and safety	
Ms Susie Labinjoh	Co-opted	Governing Body	22/3/18	4	21/3/22	-			
Ms Claudine Munro-Lafon	Parent	Parent election	22/9/17	4	21/9/21	-	Curriculum	Link gov SEND	
Mr Nicholas Ostrowski	Co-opted	Governing Body	23/5/17	4	21/2/21	-	Resources and Pay	Link gov Data	
Ms Aimee Plant	Parent	Parent election	1/9/13	4	31/8/17	31/8/17	Resources and Pay	Former link gov SEND and data	
Mr Graham Voller	Headteacher	N/A	26/11/14	N/A	N/A	-	Curriculum Resources and Pay	Headteacher	



**GOVERNORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS 2016/17**

NAME	GOVERNING BODY					
	27/9/16	8/12/16	7/2/17	23/3/17	23/5/17	20/7/17
Ms Mubeen Bhutta	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Ms Caroline Brodie-Brown	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Emma Cole	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Antoinette Hoffland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Sharon Long	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr Mick McGuire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr Nicholas Ostrowski	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	X
Ms Aimee Plant	X	x	x	X	✓	✓
Mr Graham Voller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

NAME	RESOURCES COMMITTEE			
	20/10/16	26/10/16	17/1/17	19/4/17 *
Ms Emma Cole	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Antoinette Hoffland	X	x	✓	✓
Mr Mick McGuire	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ms Aimee Plant	X	✓	✓	✓
Mr Graham Voller	✓	✓	✓	✓

\* Ms Sharon Long also in attendance

NAME	CURRICULUM COMMITTEE		
	15/11/16	16/3/17	20/6/17 **
Ms Mubeen Bhutta	x	✓	✓
Ms Caroline Brodie-Brown	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ms Emma Cole	✓	✓	x
Ms Antoinette Hoffland	x	✓	✓
Ms Sharon Long	✓	✓	✓
Mr Graham Voller	✓	✓	✓

\*\* Mr Nicholas Ostrowski also in attendance