



Chair of Governors, Mrs Caroline Masih

I have been fortunate enough to support the Priory School as Co-opted Governor since November '2021. Having trained in Early Years education some 30 years ago, I've remained an active advocate of promoting equitable access to education for people of all ages. Outside of my work with Priory School, I have an academic interest in STEM subjects and therefore am privileged to be an ambassador and volunteer working alongside the Learning team at the Science Museum London.

In terms of board skills, I work in Tech and Growth in the strategy division of a broadcaster and have spent 25 years supporting global businesses at board level. Not only do I appreciate the value and importance of good governance, I aim to invest the experience I have gained into successes at Priory. Not just supporting its vision and values but also gracefully challenging issues when appropriate.

Having been brought up in a large suburban, multicultural district of West London, I am now approaching 15 years as a resident of Slough. In this time, I have championed community issues that affect residents at the grassroots and regularly act as a poll clerk at local elections.

I am extremely proud to be a member of the board and serve as governor at the school and so my door is always open to parents, staff, and children.



*Vice Chair of Governors,
Dr Ruth Talbot*

I am a retired Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist so worked for many years supporting children and families experiencing problems. In addition to my professional training I have also studied English Literature including starting (but not completing) a PhD in children's literature.

I have been involved with support for refugees, in Calais, as a foster carer for a young asylum seeker and as a volunteer and trustee with Refugees at Home. I am currently chair of the board of trustees for Medical Justice, a charity which supports the medical and mental health needs of those in immigration detention, and I volunteer with a local foodbank.

I have lived in the Maidenhead area for over 20 years and have three grown up children. My middle child had special educational needs, hence my specific interest in SEND provision at Priory. I became a governor because I want to support the local community and see educating our children well as the most important way we can help to build a better future.



*Chair of Finance & Personnel
Committee,
Mrs Vanessa Lakatos*

I am the bursar of Gayhurst School, a post I have held since April 2019, and was previously bursar of Padworth College. As bursar I am responsible for a wide variety of areas including running the business, managing the finances, the site and support team, health & safety, HR, GDPR etc.

I am very proud to be a Governor of Priory School and hope to be able to bring some of my experience to my role and support the leadership team.

I have 2 daughters who are now 19 and 17, and 2 energetic dogs who come with me to work every day.



*Chair of Curriculum and
Standards Committee,
Mrs Gillian Duncan*

In 2019 I retired as headteacher of Lynch Hill School, a post I had held for 23 years.

As an experienced leader, with 42 years teaching experience in the primary sector, I have held a number of leadership roles most notably as a National Leader in Education (NLE). In this role, at the request of the DfE, I supported schools in challenging circumstances which needed to make rapid improvements across Slough and the wider region. I was also an Ofsted Inspector.

My expertise lies in all aspects of leadership and management particularly school improvement. I have good interpersonal skills which have enabled me to develop capacity for change and innovation.

In 2010 I was awarded the OBE for services to education.



Parent Governor
Mrs Bharathi Sudangunta

"I am an IT professional working for a Tech company based in London.

*As I adore working for children and care for their future, my other volunteering roles include being a **Trampoline Club Judge for British Gymnastics** and **Parent Governor** for another school in Hounslow.*

*I wish to champion the views of parents, be supportive and proactive in helping to guide the continuing improvement of the school. With my substantial professional & volunteer experience, I understand the values and responsibilities in education and school. Will use my expertise to support **Priory** continue to build on its success as the school of choice for children and teachers, bringing ever evolving ideas which can benefit the school and students."*



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*Partnership Governor
Mrs Charmaine Lawrence*



Staff Governor
Miss Shanice Jhalli

I am currently the Year 6 Leader at Priory School, a place that has been close to my heart for as long as I can remember. Not only have I been part of the staff team for over eight years, but I was also once a pupil here. My personal connection to the school fuels my commitment to support its growth and success, ensuring our school remains a place of pride for everyone involved.

As PSHRE Curriculum Leader, I am passionate about supporting our whole school community by addressing current and meaningful issues, both within the school and in relation to wider societal trends. This position has provided me with the opportunity to engage with students, staff, and families, fostering a school environment that embraces openness, learning, and inclusivity.

Being a lifelong resident of Slough, I believe deeply in the importance of progression and positive change for our local community. My upcoming work as part of the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) team further emphasises my commitment to providing equitable educational opportunities for all.

Within my role as Staff Governor, I strive to support Priory School in becoming a place where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed.