Mariya Talib



I am writing to express my interest in serving as a parent governor. Since moving Emile (and previously Casper) to St Luke's, I have been incredibly impressed with the dedication and talent of the staff and leadership. It would be a privilege to lend my perspective as a parent and be a part of the governing team as St Luke's goes from strength to strength.

My background is mainly in law. I have worked in private practice in commercial litigation. I have also taught in international human rights law and international economic law. The legal profession requires strategic thinking, and I feel it is a skill I can contribute to the governing body.

I am currently working as a volunteer advisor with Citizens Advice. This is a role that has afforded me insight into the struggles facing many in our community, but also has allowed me the opportunity to provide support and resources where possible. It is a privilege to act as a community advocate, and of course, at the heart of any community advocacy is the education of children.

The curriculum at St Luke's is outstanding in that it encourages children to explore their curiosity about the world and understand their cultural context. Aside from the basics of learning, I feel this teaches children to be socially engaged as they grow up, and this in turn empowers them to have a positive voice in their society. It would indeed be exciting to be a part of a team maintaining and building on current success.

I hope you will consider me for the role, and it would be an honour to be of use.

Samantha Edwards



First let me introduce myself, my name is Mrs Samantha Edwards and my daughter Talicia Edwards attends Nursery and will stay to go to Reception next term. I have a bachelor's degree in business information technology, I am a Qualified Nail Technician but most importantly I am a mother of three.

I have been associated with St Luke's for 5 years now because my two older daughters were taught there and still have fond memories from attending the school. Through this I have gained useful experience with engaging with the school and I am very familiar with the staff and dynamics. It's a pleasure to nominate myself for parent governor role at St Luke's because it is an outstanding school. I believe has an excellent head teacher who is a visionary figure for the students, staff, parents and society.

As parent governor I will focus on and promote the best interests of all children at the school to do their best to learn and thrive. I will work to establish and maintain good relations with and be available to the other parents in an honest and transparent way.

I hope to be an asset to the school, dedicating my time to be a proactive and effective school governor. I will bring an honest and hard-working approach to this important role.

Samantha Mills



I'm Samantha Mills parent to two girls at St Luke's, Florence in year 1 and Ellenora in year 3. I have been associated with the school for many years having lived by the school as a child. I also have nieces and nephews that attended the school therefore I have been able to see the schools standards over the years and witness the positive impact that parents can have on helping the school develop and continue those standards.

I decided to apply for the Parent Governor position as I have a passion for education and feel I have a lot that I can contribute to help with the continued success of the school.

In my working career I have had roles in both advertising and marketing as well as managing a finance department for an events company. I have very good numerical, analytical and English

If successful in becoming a parent governor I hope to use my skill set to identify any areas within the school that I can contribute in improving and have a

positive impact on the education and the school life of all the children at St Luke's.

Sasha Manley



Hello, My name is Sasha Manley.

My daughter has been attending St Lukes School for the last two years, and I think it is super important for parents to become part of the extended school community so that we can all help our young people to thrive.

Professionally, I work managing advertising campaigns, which means I love a good spreadsheet, dashboard and presentation - I have great interpersonal, management and analytical skills. Personally, I am a creative, who loves a project - I enjoy taking the kids out on new experiences and

I've been a co-opted governor at a local school for special needs children over the last year and a half, where I have completed a number of training sessions.

I hold 2 current DBS certificates, one for my existing governor role and one for work, and I have a L3 first aid qualification too, which could come in useful on any onsite visits.

Sharad Pandey

Hello, I am Sharad Pandey, father of two lovely boys, Kabir and Arjun Pandey, who attend school at St Luke's Primary. By profession, I work as the Head of HR in State Bank of India, UK. State Bank of India is the largest Bank in India, and its local subsidiary has been established in London for 100 years and counting. I have over 17 years of work experience in Banking and IT sector. I have done my Master's degree from XLRI, India and Strategic HRM from Michigan Ross School of Business. I am a Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and presently on the HR working committee of Association of Foreign Banks (AFB, London). I am also a Theoretical Physics enthusiast and spend quite some time learning new science and maths. I love playing badminton and cycling in my leisure time.

At present, as Head of HR, I am responsible for Learning and Development activities for over 350 employees and I manage a Budget over £ 15 Mn. Given my professional and educational qualification, I am confident that I will be doing justice to the role of Parent Governor, if an opportunity is provided. As my finance professor at Michigan, Prof Gautam Kaul, always mentioned, there is no investment which can give a person a better ROI (return on investment) than education. I strongly believe in this, and I want to ensure that our kids get the best possible education, within the limited budget the school has, so they can have the best possible future for themselves.

Shukti Biswas



I hold a Medical degree with a post-graduation in Msc Cardiology. In addition, hold a Fellow HEA. Dedicated lecturer in Foundation and degree course in HSC industry for 10 years in the UK. In addition, I am an experienced clinician with a history of more than ten years serving in the health and medical industry by successfully diagnosing, treating and advising patients in care plans of different groups of population and carrying out awareness in health programmes in the community. Experienced in as an administrator and community health instructor followed by organising counselling and immunization programmes. Flexible and friendly by nature, able to grow good relationships with colleagues, students and believe in teamwork. Experience in working independently, also providing out of hours and cover as and when required by the college. I am dedicated, hardworking, adaptable and flexible member /staff in the Health and Social Care Industry.

Syed Shofor Ali



I am very interested to become a Parent Governor for St Luke's Primary School. I am a permanent resident and have been living at the above address since 2015. My Son Syed Ali Nahiyan is in Year 2.

Professionally, I work as an Assessor at Mediprospects. In my previous professional employment, I have worked as a Special Needs Teacher at a local Secondary School, as a Police Community Support Officer and also worked for the Government at Home Office, National Probation Directorate.

I have recently completed and passed my Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning, and through this course I have gained some knowledge on safeguarding children, prevent and anti-bullying.

As a Community Activist, I am also involved with other community activities within the following organisations. As a:

- Trustee Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association
- Executive Committee Member Island Network

I would like to represent all parents of Island Garden to speak up and to be their voice for the values we all share, and to find practical solutions to improve all our lives. I pledge to tackle the issues at the heart of our community. Our parents and children deserve to live in peace and security free of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Please tick the grey box for your nomination for parent governor

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