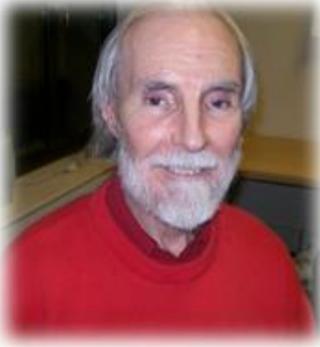


# Meet the School governors

Bigland Green is a community school run by a Governing Body made up of nine governors.

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| <b>Barbara Patilla</b><br>Chair of Governing Body   | <b>Dennis Twomey</b><br>Chair of Committee  | <b>Jacqueline Kirsh</b><br>Chair of Committee  | <b>Md Zahidul Alam</b><br>Parent Governor  |
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| <b>Raja Miah</b><br>Vice Chair of GB  | <b>Shahanara Ali</b><br>Co-opted governor   | <b>David Marks</b><br>Co-opted governor  | <b>Tanzila Hussain</b><br>Staff Governor   |
| The headteacher is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school. Governors work as a collective and the governing body is responsible for the strategic direction and priorities for the school. |  |  | The Clerk provides advice to the governing body on governance, constitutional and procedural matters. She also provides effective administrative support to the governing body and its committees. |
|   | <b>Abdul-Hayee Murshad</b><br>Headteacher   | <b>Lorraine Feyi-Shonubi</b><br>Clerk to the GB                                      |  |

## Governors' Attendance 2019-2020

Y = Attended, N = Apologies Accepted, NA = Apologies not Accepted, NS = No Apologies sent

| Governor               | Governor Type            | 10 Oct 2019                     | 10 Oct 2019         | 10 Dec 2019 | 06 Feb 2020                     | 06 Feb 2020         | 31 Mar 2020 | 19 May 2020                     | 19 May 2020          | 19 May 2020         | 07 Jul 2020 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
|                        |                          | Teaching and Learning Committee | Resources Committee | Full GB     | Teaching and Learning Committee | Resources Committee | Full GB     | Teaching and Learning Committee | Full governing board | Resources Committee | Full GB     |
| Mrs Shahanara Ali      | Co-opted governor        | Y                               | N                   | N           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | N                               | N                    | N                   | N           |
| Ms Tanzila Hussain     | Staff governor           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                   | N           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |
| Ms Jacqueline Kirsh    | Co-opted governor        | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |
| David Marks            | Co-opted governor        | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | N                               | N                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | N           |
| Mr Raja Miah           | Parent governor          | N                               | N                   | N           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |
| Mr Abdul-Hayee Murshad | Headteacher              | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |
| Ms Barbara Patilla     | Co-opted governor        | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |
| Mr Dennis Twomey       | Local Authority Governor | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |
| Mr Md Zahidul Alam     | Parent governor          | N                               | N                   | Y           | N                               | N                   | Y           | Y                               | Y                    | Y                   | Y           |

# Pen portraits of governors

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## **Barbara Patilla** – *Chair of the Governing Body*

Barbara has worked in Tower Hamlets since 1980 as a secondary Science and Biology teacher. She first taught in Central Foundation School, then she became an Advisory Teacher in the ILEA (inner London education authority) doing work in both Primary and Secondary schools before joining Mulberry School as a Head of Year. She retired in August 2008. She contributes to a number of local educational projects.

## **David Marks** – *co-opted governor*

David is a skilled strategy, data and policy analyst professional with more than 10 years' experience in the Higher Education sector having worked across three universities from different mission groups. He has a strong passion to contribute to the education of children in the local community in which he lives.

## **Dennis Twomey** – *Chair of Resources Committee*

Dennis has been involved with the school since the beginning. He has had various responsibilities within the governing body and is currently the Chair. He is involved with a number of projects helping to empower individuals so that they can contribute positively to their community. He is a former leader of the local authority, and has extensive experience of being involved in the public and third sector organisations.

## **Jacqueline Kirsh** - *Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee*

Jacqueline has been in education for over 30 years and the last 18 years as an Executive Headteacher in Hackney where she was born. She is passionate about education and has moved schools to outstanding. She was a finalist in the National Headteacher Awards and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Hackney 2012.

She has now retired and wants to contribute as a governor to Bigland Green. She has a particular interest in reading, music, history and history of art.

## **Md Zahidul Alam** – *Parent Governor*

Md Zahidul is the CEO of a local consultancy firm with specialism in further and higher education. He has been involved in this work for the past seven years. He has a passion to support the school and ensure that it is providing the best possible education to all its pupils.

## **Raja Miah** – *Vice-Chair of the Governing Body*

Raja Miah works in a local school as an IT technician. He has particular skills in relation to computing in primary schools and how new technologies can enhance children's learning experiences. He has supported the school with improving the IT infrastructure before being co-opted to the governing body as he lived locally. In June 2018 he became a parent governor of the school.

## **Shahanara Ali** – *Co-opted governor*

Shahanara has extensive experience as a health professional at a managerial level. She is also a parent in the school and wants to ensure that the school caters well for the whole-child.

## **Abdul-Hayee Murshad**

Abdul-Hayee was educated in a primary school in Wapping and has taught in Tower Hamlets for over 25 years. He is a trained Ofsted Inspector with HMI experience. He has contributed to educational policies at local and national levels, and was an advisor for the Independent Review of the Primary Curriculum carried out by Sir Jim Rose. He is involved with a number of educational projects and contributes to education as a consultant within and beyond the LA.

## **Tanzila Hussain**

Tanzila represents the teachers on the governing body. She has been a teacher for six years and specialises in the teaching of reading to children who find it difficult. Currently she is a Shadow subject leader for English and languages. Tanzila has lived most of her life in Tower Hamlets. She went to primary and secondary school in the borough.