











Meet the School governors

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

Last updated: April 2021

			
Barbara Patilla Chair of Governing Body	David Marks Vice Chair of Governing Body	Raja Miah Parent Governor	Umme Aysha Parent Governor
			
Dennis Twomey Chair of Committee	Jacqueline Kirsh Chair of Committee	Tanzila Hussain Staff Governor	Helen Harvey Associate Member
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.
	Abdul-Hayee Murshad Headteacher	Lorraine Feyi-Shonubi 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

Barbara Patilla – *Co-opted Governor; 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, Vice Chair of the Governing Body*

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 – *Local Authority Governor, 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.

Helen Harvey – *Associate Member*

Helen lives in East London and works as a consultant, supporting businesses in M&A (mergers and acquisitions). In her spare time, she enjoys exploring London and its' many offerings. She keeps active by walking and running along the canal near where she lives, as well as a little yoga. Helen supports the school with her expertise in HR (human resources).

Jacqueline Kirsh – *Co-opted Governor, 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.

Raja Miah – *Parent Governor*

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.

Umme Aysha – *Parent Governor*

Aysha has lived in Tower Hamlets all her life and has worked with many schools promoting and delivering science projects. She spent the last 10 years working at Centre of the Cell, Queen Mary University and is particularly passionate about widening participation in Higher Education and hopes to support the school in inspiring young people about STEM subjects.

Tanzila Hussain – *Staff Governor*

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.

Abdul-Hayee Murshad - *Headteacher*

Abdul-Hayee was educated in a primary school in Wapping and has taught in Tower Hamlets for nearly 30 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.

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Declarations of Interest

This report contains the Declarations of Interest for:

- Current governors
- Historical governors

Current Governors

Member	Confirmed	Entity	Nature	Notes	From	To
Mrs Umme Aysha parent	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 12 Mar 2021	-	-	-		
Helen Harvey associate member	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 15 Mar 2021	-	-	-		
Ms Tanzila Hussain staff	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 31 Jan 2021	-	-	-		
Ms Jacqueline Kirsh co-opted	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 22 Mar 2021	-	-	-		
David Marks co-opted	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 4 Dec 2020	-	-	-		
Mr Raja Miah parent	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 1 Oct 2020	-	-	-		
Dr Abdul-Hayee Murshad headteacher	Confirmed 9 Oct 2020	ELMT Schools	Independent School	Foundation governors at (a) Al-Mizan School, and (b) London East Academy - both are run by East London Mosque Trust (ELMT).	01 Sep 19	
Ms Barbara Patilla co-opted	<i>Nothing to declare:</i> Confirmed 22 Mar 2021	-	-	-		
Mr Dennis Twomey authority	Confirmed 30 Sep 2020	Sir William Burrough School	Governor			