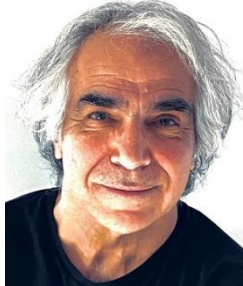









MEET THE VINEYARD SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Governor	Details
<p>Firas Ali</p> <p>Co-opted Governor</p>	<p>Having spent a significant portion of my life in education either as a student with postgraduate qualifications, or as an educator, I worked first in the Information Technology industry for large corporations and then running my own business. I then switched career and spent the next 20 years in property development as an entrepreneur and project manager/interior architect. As a governor since 2019, I am motivated by my love for education as well as serving my community. I also volunteer for youth services in Richmond and other charities. I am very proud of my association with The Vineyard School and I hope that I am playing a part in its success and development. I sit on the Resources Committee and am link governor for Safeguarding.</p> 
<p>Fliss Buckles</p> <p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>I am a qualified English and Drama teacher with more than 20 years' experience working in schools, colleges and prisons. In each setting I worked with learners with a wide range of additional needs. My specialist area is Media and Film and as subject leader I created accessible, engaging and relevant programmes suited to the learners' needs. I have a daughter at The Vineyard and a son with SEND. I have spent the last few years supporting his development and working closely with the professionals involved to ensure he can discover and achieve his hopes and dreams. As a parent governor and SEND link governor, I am well-placed to use my experience to support the governance of The Vineyard. I enjoy being active and can often be seen scooting around Richmond and Kew, usually doing the school and nursery run.</p>
<p>Frances Bracegirdle</p> <p>Headteacher</p>	<p>I am delighted and proud to be the headteacher at The Vineyard, which I have been since November 2021. I am dedicated to fostering an environment where children are inspired to achieve their personal best. Our school community is integral to realising this vision, emphasizing the values of caring, curious, and courageous. With a rich background in education, I bring 15 years of experience in Richmond schools, including 5 years as deputy head in a local school. Together with our committed school team, we aim to create a dynamic learning atmosphere, ensuring every child thrives academically and emotionally.</p> 
<p>Antony Cook</p> <p>Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Chair of Governors</p>	 <p>I am a partner in a large professional services company where I help clients improve their operational and cost performance. I have been a primary school governor for the last 16 years, nearly 10 of them at The Vineyard. During this time I have undertaken several roles, the current one as Chair of Governors. I am also a parent at the school. I want to ensure that The Vineyard offers all children a range of challenges, be they academic, sporting, cultural or community-focused so that all children can grow into confident, responsible citizens ready for the next stage in their education.</p>

James Lane Co-opted Governor	Having been a governor and parent at the Vineyard school since 2015, I chair the Resources Committee, which is principally responsible for overseeing the preparation of school budgets, operations, premises and health and safety. I am a chartered surveyor and work for a central London landlord working across retail, commercial and residential property. Whilst my role predominantly focuses on property investment, I am also responsible for running a residential estate and its operations.
Lizzie Lee Co-opted Governor	I became a co-opted Governor in September 2021. I have an interest in education having worked at the Department for Education for 11 years. I have particular experience in schools policy, curriculum, teacher recruitment and retention, and early years. I also worked in private office with ministers and the education secretary, and more broadly across government. I hope to bring this previous experience and insight into government policy to support the school's vision and values and development plan. My link governor responsibilities are handwriting, writing, history, geography and RE. I have two children in the school currently in Year 3 and Year 1.
Alice McArdle Staff Governor	<p>I have been a staff governor for three years at The Vineyard, working on the Resources committee. I am an Assistant Headteacher at The Vineyard with my main responsibilities being safeguarding and assessment. Being a governor has helped me gain a deeper understanding of the budget in schools and how the finances are managed. I have also been able to be the voice of the staff community when required.</p> 
Kirsty MacEachen Co-opted Governor Vice-Chair	 <p>I have over 30 years' experience in business and marketing growth strategy working for many international blue-chip companies. I bring my strategic focus to help with the development of the overall school strategy and to support the direction and co-ordination of the curriculum development.</p> <p>Having lived and worked overseas for most of my adult life, I also have a keen interest in the integration of our multi-cultural community. I want to ensure that all children have access to the full curriculum and that every family feels welcome and included in our broader school community.</p>
Amy Reilly Associate Governor	<p>For the last 4 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at The Vineyard school. I have been given many opportunities to continue learning about education. Recently, I moved from KS2 to KS1 where I am a Year 2 class teacher and KS1 phase leader. My passion lies with teaching and learning, especially with the development of new, exciting curricula. I look forward to supporting the governing body and gaining a new insight into the world of education.</p> 

<p>Nicola Rossington</p> <p>Parent Governor</p>	 <p>After running my own optical business for twenty years, I felt it was the right time to become a full time mum. I am now a Parent Governor at both my children's schools and love being able to proactively contribute to enable all children to have the best possible school education and experience. My link subjects at The Vineyard are reading and phonics, PE and mental health, wellbeing of both staff and pupils, and more recently safeguarding. Being a governor is a rewarding and privileged position.</p>
<p>Philippe Tapernoux</p> <p>Co-opted Governor</p>	<p>I have been a co-opted governor at the Vineyard since 2021 and have had the privilege of helping the school through a period of internal change and external volatility to be the successful school it is today. I sit on the Resources Committee, ensuring the school's strategic development can be sustainably financed. I still have one child at the Vineyard, having seen my other progress through the school and into secondary. My career has been in financial services, initially as an investment banker and more recently working in finance for fintech firms.</p> 
<p>Tom Way</p> <p>Co-opted Governor</p>	<p>I am an experienced strategy and transformation professional with a decade of experience working in social housing and joined The Vineyard in summer 2023. As a Richmond resident with a keen interest in the work of the public sector, I wanted to support a local school to be the best it can be in challenging economic times. I sit on the Resources Committee and also hold an additional accountability as the Governors' lead on Data Protection.</p>
<p>Liz Annesley</p> <p>Clerk to the Governors</p>	<p>I am Clerk to the Governors and have worked in primary schools for a number of years. One of my roles as Clerk is to act as a 'Postbox' for the governors so if you have any queries that you want to pass to the governors, please email me at clerk@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk</p>