

New Wave Federation

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Thursday 19th March 2026

Dear New Wave Federation Families,

ELECTION OF FEDERATION PARENT GOVERNORS

I refer to my earlier letter regarding the above matter. I have received nomination forms from six candidates and it will therefore be necessary to hold a ballot.

The ballot paper is enclosed and includes the candidates' names and statements. You may return the completed ballot paper to the ballot box, which will be available at the school gate each morning at drop-off and each afternoon at pick-up at all schools in the federation.

Ballot papers must be received no later than **4:00pm on Thursday 26th March 2026**.

To vote in the election, a parent/carer must be the legal guardian of a registered pupil at the school on the election date. Each parent/carer may vote only once, regardless of the number of children attending the school.

BALLOT FORM – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The following candidates have been nominated for parent governorship within the federation. The period of office will be **four years**, unless the elected parent resigns within that period.

Emma den Hollander - Shacklewell Primary School
Jennifer Baulk - Shacklewell Primary School
Laurie Myrie - Woodberry Down Primary School
Marc Hilbourne - Grazebrook Primary School
Jenny Duncan - Thomas Fairchild Primary School
Carolina Cevallos - Thomas Fairchild Primary School

Attached/overleaf is a brief statement written by each candidate in support of their nomination. There is **one vacancy** across the federation. If you vote for more candidates than there are vacancies, or if you mark the ballot paper in any other way, the ballot paper will be declared void.

Please place your completed ballot paper (**Page 5, folded**) in an envelope and hand it in at the school gates where a ballot box will be available. Please ensure the envelope is securely sealed and that you sign your name across the sealed flap. The envelope will then be opened in the presence of a witness.

Good luck to all of the candidates.

Lisa Langley
Returning Officer

Statement of nominated Governors

Emma den Hollander (Parent at Shacklewell Primary School)

I'm the parent of a Year 1 child at Shacklewell Primary School and feel incredibly proud to be a part of this school community. Everyday I see the care, ambition and energy that goes into making the school such a positive place for children to learn and grow. I would love the opportunity to contribute to the school and the wider New Wave Federation by serving as a parent governor.



Education is something I care deeply about. I believe great education should be a right, not a privilege, and that schools play a vital role in helping every child develop their confidence, curiosity and potential. Living and raising a family in Hackney, I'm particularly aware of how important strong local schools are for creating opportunities for all children.

In my professional life I work in strategy and portfolio management, helping organisations to make complex decisions about priorities, risk and investment, often involving large budgets and long-term outcomes. This involves governance, financial oversight, and the use of data to support good decision-making. I have also led digital transformation programmes and spent time thinking about how technology can be used effectively, responsibly and in ways that genuinely add value. As a qualified engineer, I've also spent many years supporting programmes that encourage students, particularly those from non-traditional backgrounds, into science, engineering and technical careers.

As a parent governor, I would aim to represent families' perspectives and support the New Wave Federation community to be the best it can be so that every child can thrive. Both personally and professionally, I would aim to bring thoughtful support, constructive challenge, and commitment to the role. I would be delighted to contribute my time and skills to the governing board.

Jen Baulk (Parent at Shacklewell Primary School)

I would like to nominate myself for the position of Parent Governor on the New Wave Federation Governing Board. As a parent of a child in Year 1, and another hopefully entering Reception in September, I am keen to support the continued success and development of the federation schools. As an experienced primary school teacher, middle leader and specialist in primary mathematics, I have a good understanding of the educational landscape, the challenges schools face, and the vital importance of strong governance in shaping outcomes for pupils. I am confident that my professional background, combined with my passion for education and community engagement, would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the Governing Board.



Across my teaching career, I have worked in diverse school settings, supporting pupils from a wide range of backgrounds, abilities, and learning needs. This experience has given me a strong appreciation of what high-quality, inclusive education looks like in practice. It has also reinforced my belief in the importance of evidence-based decision making, clear communication, and positive collaboration between staff, leadership teams, governors, and families. As a specialist in primary mathematics, I have led curriculum development, delivered staff training, and supported schools in raising attainment while ensuring that learning remains engaging and accessible. I am particularly passionate about fostering mathematical confidence from an early age, and I understand the long-term impact that high-quality maths teaching can have on pupils' overall educational experiences.

My professional expertise aligns well with the core functions of the Governing Board as outlined in the advert. I have experience analysing school performance data, interpreting statutory requirements, and contributing to discussions about curriculum design, safeguarding, assessment, and resource allocation. I also have a strong understanding of the pressures currently facing schools, including budget constraints, staffing challenges, and the increasing expectations placed on school leadership teams. In my view, an effective governor must be able to balance strategic oversight with empathy and constructive challenge, ensuring that decision-making always prioritises the best interests of the pupils. I am committed to approaching this role with thoughtfulness, openness, and professionalism.

As a parent, I see first-hand the importance of nurturing a positive relationship between school and families. My own child has already benefited from the caring, vibrant, and ambitious environment within the New Wave Federation, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the continued growth of this culture. I believe strongly in the value of pupil voice and parental engagement, ensuring that families feel included, informed, and able to contribute to the life of the school. Should I be elected, I would aim to represent the views of the parent community thoughtfully and respectfully, while maintaining the impartiality and confidentiality required of all governors.

The expectations outlined in the invitation - attending termly Governing Board meetings, participating in sub-committees, preparing thoroughly for discussions, undertaking training, and visiting the school - align well with the responsibilities I have taken on in previous roles. As Assistant Maths Hub Lead for London Central and North West Maths Hub, I am experienced in interpreting reports that include data on school standards, progress measures, and financial information. I am also comfortable asking challenging questions where appropriate, supporting leaders to reflect on strategic decisions, and working collaboratively to seek solutions. I value the opportunity for reflection and ongoing professional development, and I would embrace the induction and training offered in order to strengthen my contribution over time.

I am particularly interested in contributing to discussions about curriculum, teaching and learning, safeguarding, and pupil progress. However, I am equally willing to support other committees as needed, and I recognise that effective governance requires breadth of engagement, not just specialism. The federation's commitment to providing high-quality education across four schools is inspiring, and I would be proud to help ensure that all pupils continue to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to stand for election. I recognise that the role of Parent Governor is a position of trust and responsibility. It requires integrity, reliability, and a genuine commitment to the school community. I am prepared to give the time, energy, and thoughtful consideration that the role demands. My hope, if elected, is to support the New Wave Federation in continuing to deliver excellent outcomes, to uphold its values, and to contribute positively to its strategic vision. Thank you for considering my application. I would be honoured to represent the parent community and to work alongside the Governing Board, senior leaders, staff, pupils, and families to support the continued success of our federation.

Laurie Myrie (Parent at Woodberry Down Primary School)

Marc Hilbourne (Parent at Grazebrook Primary School)

I am a seasoned financial professional with over 20 years experience as a CFO/FD in highly entrepreneurial media and technology businesses. As an Executive Committee Member for many years in various businesses I have consistently influenced decision making and corporate strategy, focusing on driving business success. I currently work 3 days a week which enables me to focus on Atticus' growth and success at school. As such I think I can bring a wealth of experience and commercial acuity as a Parent Governor and have the time to invest to significantly help and support the New Wave Governing Board.



Jenny Duncan (Parent at Thomas Fairchild Primary School)

I'm Jenny, I'm a mum of two and my daughter is in year 2 at Thomas Fairchild School. We've had a great experience at the school. I'd like to make a contribution as a governor; working to ensure all kids in the federation enjoy school, are safe and have a great education.

I have a particular interest in SEND. I'm a SEND parent and I'm a Learning Disabilities Nurse. I've worked in communities around North London supporting parental wellbeing, children's mental health, and access to education. I value fairness and equality.



I'd really appreciate your vote and would work hard to represent community interests as a governor.

Carolina Cevallos (Parent at Thomas Fairchild Primary School)

I am pleased to apply for Parent Governor. As a deeply engaged parent, I have been actively involved in school trips, events, and activities, always supporting the school community in various ways.

Professionally, my background is in event management and business services, and after qualifying as an NLP practitioner last year, I am transitioning into life coaching. I work with families, helping parents

rebuild their lives with purpose, break unhealthy cycles, heal from past pain, and raise grounded, confident children. This passion drives both my commitment to my daughter's well-being and education, as well as the work I do in the community. My goal is to reach as many families as possible and help parents turn pain into purpose with clarity and confidence, creating a positive ripple effect for their families and the wider community.

I have taken an active role in supporting my child's learning and contributing to the school environment. I value being involved in my child's education and have often spoken up for parents who may not feel confident raising their concerns. I care deeply about creating environments where children feel supported, understood, and able to thrive both academically and emotionally.

Last year, my child also served as a school councillor, which strengthened our appreciation for pupil voice and the importance of children feeling heard and represented.

As a Parent Governor, I would bring dedication, compassion, and a collaborative mindset. I hope to support the school in providing the best possible environment for students while strengthening the partnership between parents, staff, and the wider school community.

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Name of Candidate	Please mark the box with an X You can select one candidate.
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