

THE SHERWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as Chair of Governors at The Sherwood Primary School. My name is Antonia Palmer and I have been a member of the governing body since 2015.

I have lived in the London Borough of Merton for more than 20 years. I retired in September 2022 after a long and exciting career working for a multinational financial services company in the City of London. I travelled extensively for my work and led a diverse team comprising talented individuals from many countries and cultures. I like to think this has given me a broad view of the world and an understanding of our multi-cultural local community.

I am passionate about doing what I can to ensure children and young people get the best educational start in life. I am inspired by all that is done at The Sherwood to enrich the school curriculum, helping our children to develop into confident, resilient young people with a strong moral compass.

What is the role of the Governing Board at The Sherwood?

The role of the Chair of the governing board is comparable to that of the Chair of the Board in a commercial sector. The Chair provides leadership to the governing board, ensuring it fulfils its functions well, and works closely with the school senior leadership team to support, advise and help shape proposals to be discussed at the board meetings and with the local authority as required. Our role is strategic, not operational.

The governing board meets every term. In addition, committees have been established to review the details of school life, specifically:

- Teaching, learning and community (TLC)
- Finance, staffing and health and safety (Business Committee)
- Pay and performance

The TLC and Business committees also meet each term. The statutory panel for pay and performance meets as needed.

To help us carry out our role as Governors, we need to know what issues are important to you and ensure that you know what issues Governors are discussing. That is why we work closely with Mrs Samouel and her staff to ensure the delivery of a high standard of education to our children.



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The Governors are a team, united by our commitment to the school and the responsibility we share for the school's long term success. The governing board are very proud of The Sherwood School and feel privileged to play a part in your child's education.

If you have a concern or a point of view to share please let us know. We can be contacted via the School Office.

Yours sincerely,

Antonia Palmer
Chair of Governors
The Sherwood School

