

Portway Governors: personal biographies

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Name of Portway Primary School Governor	Personal biography
Jenni Rhodes (Trust appointed governor - Chair)	Jenni Rhodes has been a governor at Portway since 2014. She lives locally and her children attend the school. Jenni works in Higher Education where she manages a team working in academic policy making, governance and quality assurance. She has previously held voluntary roles on the Portway PTA and Newham NCT steering committees.
Scott Chudley (Acting Head teacher; Head teacher from Jan 2020)	Scott joined Portway in September 2016 and worked closely with Jacqui Waine, who previously held this position and is now Trust Development Lead. Scott's previous role of Deputy Head teacher at Portway means that he is ideally placed to lead our school through its next stage of development, building on the work he has been part of.
Anisa Hakim (Co-opted governor)	Anisa Hakim has served as a governor at Portway since 2014. Having previously worked as a qualified primary school teacher (and currently on a career break), she has a deep understanding of the education system and is aware of the limits/challenges that the school faces.
Vanessa Powell (Trust appointed governor)	Vanessa Powell was appointed to the governing body in June 2018. She has worked in the university sector since 2002, holding roles at University College London, Imperial College London and currently at St George's University of London, where Vanessa has been the Director of Education Operations since November 2018. In this position, she is responsible for ensuring the coordination, development and operation of professional services for education and student experience across the university, developing strategies and processes in support of the university's strategic plan. Vanessa holds an MBA in Higher Education Management, awarded by the Institute of Education.
Ian Creppy (Parent governor)	Ian is a Parent Governor and has a daughter in year 4 at Portway Primary School. Ian is originally from Ghana, where he first became involved in education via the National Service Programme, through which he supported children at school in disadvantaged, rural communities. On return to the capital, Ian then taught in a primary school for a year, before embarking on a career in banking. Since coming to the UK in 2004 to study at the London Metropolitan University, Ian has worked in a variety of industries and is currently working for Guarding UK Limited. Ian brings to the Governor role a strong desire to help every child at Portway reach their potential and is particularly interested in helping new arrivals to school and to the UK.



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Airina Narbuntiene (Staff governor)	Airina works at Portway as a teacher, currently teaching our Year 4 children, and leading both art and design technology. Having previously undertaken an governor role at another school which has come to an end, Airina wanted to support the school both from a strategic and operational perspective, and has thus put herself forward for, and been approved in, this role.
James Stokes (Trust appointed governor)	As a Teach First ambassador, James has shown dedication to the cause of improving schools. Previously a secondary school science teacher, and now working as a management consultant, James wishes to gain a greater understanding of the overall running and long-term strategy of a school and experience how this is implemented over time. Furthermore, his experience and understanding of the science curriculum, experience in charge of year 7 data, and new role as a strategy consultant, mean that he is up to date with the curriculum changes and is able to support schools in both financial and teaching and learning changes.
Fifelomo Coker (Coopted governor)	Fifelomo is particularly aware of how important it is for the people making decisions on the educational environment to come from diverse backgrounds. She hopes that her unique experience of living in a "deprived" area but excelling academically and subsequently in the working world in her current role as a management consultant managing projects (with specific expertise in tech) will bring a unique viewpoint as well as a positive contribution to meetings and decision making via the local governing body.

Resignations since January 2018

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<p>Suzanne Hsu (Trust appointed governor - Vice Chair; Leading Learning Trust trustee) – RESIGNED – 01/10/2019</p>	<p><i>Suzanne Hsu has been a community / co-opted governor at Portway since 2008 and is currently Vice Chair. She has a law degree and an MBA and has worked in law and finance for 20 years. Suzanne now works in the health-care sector, as a self-employed psychotherapist.</i></p>
<p>Mukesh Gunamel (Trust appointed governor; Head of the Leading Learning Trust FARM Committee) – RESIGNED – 05/11/2018</p>	<p><i>Mukesh Gunamal has been a governor at Selwyn School since 1996. Until 2007 he was a parent governor and is now a co-opted governor. He has previously served as the chair of governors, and was Selwyn’s representative at the Newham Governors’ Forum Association (affiliated to the National Governors’ Association), as well as a numeracy link governor. He is currently Chair of the Finance Committee. Mukesh is keen to carry on contributing to the schools’ development and to help ensure that all the children are able to maximise their potential. He believes in effective communication between parents, governors and the schools. Mukesh is an accountant by background and works for an international firm of accountants. He has also previously worked in industry and commerce.</i></p>
<p>Dan Genn (Staff governor) – RESIGNED – 20/07/2018</p>	<p><i>Dan Genn joined Portway Primary School in September 2017 as an Assistant Headteacher. He has rich experience of driving school improvement, having previously carried out leadership roles in schools that are undergoing transformation. He has a special interest in whole-school assessment. As Portway’s Assessment Leader, he is particularly interested in developing systems that vigorously inform teachers’ planning, ensuring that data has an immediate impact on teaching and learning across the school.</i></p>
<p>Richard Duffy (Parent governor) – RESIGNED – 03/10/2018</p>	<p><i>Richard Duffy has been a parent governor at Portway since 2015. He is a Children’s Services Commissioner and brings a knowledge of child protection issues.</i></p>
<p>Martina Jones (Co-opted governor) – RESIGNED –</p>	<p><i>Martina Jones is a parent governor at Portway. She is an assistant head teacher at Upton Cross and brings a detailed knowledge of education and educational improvement.</i></p>



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<p>Ashir Mir (Trust appointed governor) – RESIGNED – 25/10/2019</p>	<p><i>Having grown up in a family of teachers, Ashir has seen first-hand the transformative experience schools and education can have on a child's life path. He is a passionate believer in the role of education and has a specific interest in education policy, as a civil servant and policy advisor working in Whitehall, currently part of the Civil Service Fast Stream. Ashir wanted to join our school governing body in order to effectively use his skills and experience to give back to the community.</i></p>

