

**Shraddha
Kaul**

**Parent
Governor**

JLT's

Q & A

What do you like about our school?

I like the school's nurturing, inclusive and close-knit environment. I appreciate the emphasis placed on values and behaviour in the school. The warm relationship shared by the children and the teachers never ceases to amaze me. There's nothing better than smiles and conversations across age groups - truly unique to Kew Riverside Primary School!

What is a school governor?

School governors are volunteers with a passion for serving their local community and an interest in children's education. Together, they form the Governing Body and act as a 'critical friend' to the Head Teacher. They ask questions, provide support and guidance, and participate in decision making to help the school provide every pupil the best possible education and environment.

Who can be a school governor?

Anyone over 18 can be a school governor, no special qualifications are needed. School governors reflect the whole community, including parents, teachers and other people working in schools, the local authority, local businesses, and community groups. Enthusiasm, commitment, a willingness to learn and work in a team are very welcome!

What does a governor do?

Governors meet regularly to stay abreast with the school's functioning and progress. They speak to the Head Teacher, perform school visits and ensure they are aware of matters across finance, curriculum, children's progress, parent and staff viewpoints. They read policies and undertake trainings so they can perform well in their role of helping the school run as effectively as possible.

How does an adult become a school governor?

If an adult is considering become a school governor, they could apply through one of the national School Governor websites or get in touch with their local authority.

If they know the school they wish to apply to, they could get in touch with the Chair of Governors, who leads the Board. In case they are a parent, they could also stand for election to be a Parent Governor when a vacancy comes up.

How would you keep our school's safe and friendly environment?

The Governing Body keeps an active watch on the safety and security of the School and its children through policies, training and procedures. In partnership with the Head Teacher, we aim to make sure the children always have access to information, guidance and a support network to help them in their path of making the right choices.

When you were our age, what was your favourite toy?

I spent my childhood cycling around the neighbourhood with friends, playing every evening after school, and reading as many books as I could!

Thank you for answering our questions today!

The JLT