

Candidate statements

CANDIDATE A



Name: Susannah Hardyman

Year group of child: Reception

My name is Susannah and my son Joshua is in reception, where it's been a joy to watch him thrive. I'm also Mum to a little girl who is nearly 18 months old. I've been really impressed with John Donne Primary School and I would love to support the wonderful work that goes on further as a parent governor. Schools working well with parents is really important to enabling children to reach their potential and I would love to try to help further support the connection between parents and the school. I've lived in Peckham for over 14 years and volunteering is something I really enjoy doing.

I have prior experience as a school governor, so have some good insight into what this role entails. I was on the governing body of St Gabriel's College, a secondary school in Camberwell, for five years. I loved being part of that school community and seeing the progress that the school made during that time, helping to drive aspirations for high standards academically but also in terms of extra curricular and cultural experiences for children.

I have spent much of my working life working in education. I am the founder and leader of a national education charity, Action Tutoring, which started in Peckham over 10 years ago. We work with pupils across England from less privileged backgrounds who would benefit from extra help in the core subjects of English and maths. We work in partnership with schools nationally, bringing in high quality, trained volunteer tutors from a range of backgrounds following a structured programme closely linked to the curriculum. Through this, I have experience of working with schools across the country and have a solid understanding of the pressures schools are under and their priorities. I am incredibly passionate about supporting all children to achieve their potential, regardless of background.

I have been really impressed with the results John Donne has achieved so far and believe I could continue to support the school to ensure that all children thrive during their time here. It would be a pleasure and an honour to represent the parent community as a parent governor.

CANDIDATE B**Name:** Barbara Kibira**Year groups of children:** Reception and Year 2

I am a psychologist so this means I believe that mental health awareness is important to children of school age. I hope to bring my calm and non-judgemental demeanour to the school so that both the teachers and students feel heard and seen.

CANDIDATE C**Name:** Laura Rotimi**Year groups of children:** Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5

As a mother of 3 who attend John Donne Primary School, I understand and can relate to parents having queries and concerns. I relate exceptionally well with many parents and also some of the children within the school.

As a parent willing to become parent governor, I'm ready to support both our parents and community concerning the wellbeing of the children and parents in John Donne.

I already show interest within the school as was apart of the FOJD and also had assistant treasurer positions within the school. I'm here to support and contribute to the community. I'm willing to listen and participate where necessary, I'm confident and encouraging, and I'm ready to make a positive change within John Donne Primary School.

CANDIDATE D**Name:** Pascalina Verneuil**Year group of child:** Year 3

John Donne Primary School has warmed my heart as a parent and given me peace of mind as to the well being of Nissi Oni.

Becoming a team member of FOJD, has given me greater insight into the expectations of parents, teachers and school management. In light of that understanding, I would like to offer more of my support and service to Management, Teachers, Children, parents and the community.

How the children at John Donne Primary perform and present themselves is a reflection of the input of management, teachers and parents and I would like to know and see that my service/ services to the school and community is able to influence and have an impact on the outcome of the children, the school and community.

I have a passion for children, and it would be deeply fulfilling for me to be given an opportunity to help the school achieve its goals and objectives over the lives of the students and meet the expectations of the parents and community at large.