



# Kelvin Grove Primary School

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## Kelvin Grove Primary School – Seeking Three New Governing Body Members

Kelvin Grove is a vibrant community primary school in South East London. We are seeking to recruit three new governors to help steer our work supporting the education and development of over 600 children from a wide range of backgrounds.

### Background

Kelvin Grove is an ambitious and inclusive primary school located near Forest Hill and Sydenham. With three forms of entry, a nursery, a children's centre and specialist provision for those on the autistic disorder spectrum, we are one of the largest primary schools in Lewisham and we play an important role in ensuring that local children have the best possible start to their education and wider development.

Kelvin Grove aims to foster a love of learning. We consider that it is critical to prepare children for secondary education by ensuring that they thrive academically. We also consider that good primary education provides an essential social and emotional foundation to children's wider development and an opportunity to explore and understand the world that we live in.

Over the last few years, Kelvin Grove has developed in a number of ways. Outcomes for children leaving school in core reading, writing and maths skills are now well above the average nationally and locally; for example last year nearly twice as many children achieved a 'greater depth' of learning as is the national average. Education for those with special needs has developed considerably. We have a strong reputation for music and arts. However, we are ambitious to ever better serve our local community in the future.

### Governing Body Vacancies

We are looking for three new governors to help support Kelvin Grove's further development over the coming years, particularly those who can represent our diverse community, who can bring management and finance skills or who have significant educational experience.

The fifteen-strong governing body works with the school's senior management team to ensure that it delivers an excellent education for all children. This includes setting the school's aims and strategy, monitoring progress and overseeing finances and corporate responsibilities such as keeping children safe.

Being a Governor it is an important and rewarding role, contributing to the life chances of hundreds of children and the strength of the local community. It involves overseeing a large organisation - Kelvin Grove employs over 100 staff and has an annual budget of around £5 million.

Three of the current Governing Body are coming to the end of their terms of office and we are therefore looking for new governors to start in summer/autumn 2019.



Headteacher: Ian Hyde  
Deputy Headteachers: Tara Magee and Kris Clark

The next few years will provide an opportunity to make a significant difference.

Core elements of the school are strong. An experienced new headteacher was appointed in 2016 who is supported by an excellent senior team.

We now aim to go further: to develop our curriculum to ever better engage and excite pupils; to extend our work to support children's wider wellbeing and the development of their broader interests; to continue to raise attainment in core numeracy and literacy skills; and to make further progress in better supporting those with special educational needs or facing particular vulnerability or disadvantage. We also need to carefully manage our resources as school budgets come under ever greater pressure from central government cuts.

## **Role profile**

Being a governor typically involves seven meetings a year (held in the early evenings), and we also encourage governors to visit the school at least once a term and get involved in other ways if they have time.

Over a term, governors usually attend one full governing body meeting and one smaller sub-committee, such as the committee overseeing learning or the school's resources.

These vacant roles are 'co-opted' onto the governing body, which means that they are appointed by the existing governing body (rather than the local authority or parents). We generally appoint governors to serve for four years, although governors are free to step down earlier, and also to seek a further term in due course.

We would welcome interest from all those who consider that they could contribute to Kelvin Grove.

We would particularly value those who have experience of helping manage organisations, those with a finance or legal background and those with educational leadership experience. However, it is more important to have those who are committed to our values of ensuring that every child can thrive and achieve a combination of academic and wider social growth.

We celebrate being a school which includes children from a diverse range of backgrounds and hope that our governing body can represent this diversity.

## **Next steps**

If you consider that you could contribute to Kelvin Grove in this way, please contact the chair of governors, Ben Jupp, for an initial chat [chair@kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:chair@kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk).

We would be grateful if you could contact Ben by 8<sup>th</sup> April if you are interested.

For more information on Kelvin Grove, see <http://www.kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk/>. Further information on the school can also be found at [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk) (entering our postcode SE26 6BB in the school search).

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