

# **Governors' Statements**

Belmont Woodside Federation

# Brendan Hollyer

## Vice Chair

- \* I first became a school governor in 2002, as a parent governor at the school my daughter attended. Since then, I have served as a governor across schools providing an education to primary and secondary aged pupils. I was Chair of Governors of an Infant school for more than ten years and still serve as Vice Chair, since it grew into an all-through primary school.
- \* I joined the governing body of Woodside School in 2014 and was Vice Chair through to its dissolution at the end of August 2016. I have recently been elected as one of the two Vice Chairs for the federated governing body. I am on the Teaching, Learning & Standards committees for both of the schools in the federation, along with the combined Resources committee.
- \* I am committed to improving the life chances of all children through providing an education that maximises the potential for each and every one of them.
- \* In January 2014, I was designated a National Leader of Governance and I provide support to governing boards in maintained schools and academies, principally within Bexley, but also other areas around the south east.
- \* In my spare time, I enjoy walking, cooking and golf, although I will leave it up to others to say if I am any good at the second and third activities!

# Alison Bell

## Local Authority

- \* I am Dr Alison Bell and I am an educational psychologist. I am a new governor for Woodside and Belmont, starting in September 2016. I became a governor as I wanted to help local schools and ensure good quality education and outcomes for all children. As a qualified teacher of children on the autistic spectrum before becoming an educational psychologist, I am particularly keen to support schools for children with special educational needs. I am involved in the teaching and learning committee for both Woodside and Belmont as I feel that it is important for children to have access to good quality teaching so that they can achieve their lifetime goals. As well as working hard as a psychologist and a governor, my hobbies include running, swimming and cycling and I take part in running races with my dog in my spare time. I have also completed a number of triathlons and marathons over the last few years.

# Nikki Hollands

## Staff

- \* Prior to September 2016 I was the staff governor for Woodside School and held this position since November 2015. I am now involved in the teaching & learning and standards committees for both Woodside School and Belmont School.
- \* I am currently working at Woodside School as the Lead Practitioner for Speech and Language Therapy. Although based at Woodside School, I have delivered training, support and advice to some of the staff from Belmont School to share best practice.
- \* I decided again to put myself forward for election as a staff governor as I feel passionately about moving both schools towards becoming centres of excellence with outstanding status. I have been working in the field of education and special educational needs for 15 years in a variety of different roles. In every setting I have always had a child-centred approach and I will be bringing this approach with me as well as a staff perspective in my role as staff governor. I will also bring my experiences, skills and knowledge gained through my practice and training to the governing board.

# Leah Preudhomme

## Parent

- \* I am a newly appointed Parent Governor. My son attends Woodside school.
- \* I became a governor because I am passionate about my son's education and needs. As a parent of a child with additional needs I feel even more committed to ensure he achieves his full potential.
- \* I am keen to support other parents and would like to work as a team with the school to ensure the children at Woodside and Belmont receive the support, care and intervention they need to lead a happy and fulfilling life.
- \* I hope to become involved in the resource committee. I currently work as an Account Manager and have over 16 years experience in that field. Therefore, I would like to utilise my skills to assist that committee.
- \* I aim to attend as much training as possible starting with the New Governor induction training on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- \* My interests and hobbies are family time, as a family we really enjoy music and travelling.

# Peter Young

## Parent

- \* I was elected a parent governor in October 2016, and I am currently a senior account executive for a leading private client insurance broker. I am the proud father of two children. My son is a former Belmont pupil and my daughter is currently in year 3. I enjoy spending my spare time with family, and catching up with friends.
- \* When the opportunity arose I put myself forward for the governor position with the hope that in my own way, I can make a positive contribution to the Belmont Woodside Federation so that it can continue to provide the best possible education for it's pupils. I am delighted to have been elected, and look forward to the challenges ahead.