

# Selwyn Governors: personal biographies

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The logo for Selwyn Primary School features the text 'Selwyn' in a large, blue, sans-serif font, with 'PRIMARY SCHOOL' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a graphic of three interlocking rings in yellow, orange, and red. Above the rings is the tagline 'PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS' in a small, red, sans-serif font.

<b>Name of Selwyn Primary School Governor</b>	<b>Personal biography</b>
<b>Mr Alex Saunders</b> – Trust Board appointed Governor and Chair	Alex Saunders has served as a parent governor at Selwyn primary school since 2012. Following a period serving as Vice Chair of the governing body, he was elected Chair in May 2018. He is a self-employed IT consultant with considerable experience in managing high value projects. He has strong performance and financial management skills in ensuring that tasks are delivered to schedule and strong analytical skills in assessing project outcomes against aims and objectives.
<b>Ms Helen Mawer</b> – Head teacher	Helen joined Selwyn Primary School more than 8 years ago. Most recently, she worked as an Executive Deputy Head teacher, driving school improvement across the Leading Learning Trust. In September 2018, she was appointed Head teacher of Selwyn, filling the position left vacant further to Emma Nicholls’s move to CEO of the Trust. Helen successfully led Selwyn through an Ofsted inspection in March 2019, in which Selwyn retained its ‘Outstanding’ grading in all categories.
<b>Mrs Beverley Entwistle</b> – Trust Board appointed Governor	Beverley Entwistle was appointed to the governing body in February 2018. She has had twenty years of experience in the Media Industry (TV and Radio) and was Operations Director at Granada TV and EMAP Radio. She was responsible for revenue forecasting, for developing commercial strategy and for delivering the agreed strategic outcomes. She has strong leadership skill with extensive experience in managing large teams of people and looks forward to working with the other governors to provide the best possible support for Selwyn Primary School.
<b>Ms Nazneen Hossein</b> – Parent Governor	Nazneen Hossein has 12 years of experience in education. She is currently Head of Creative Technologies in a Redbridge Grammar school and has previously worked with over 35 primary schools, recently leading a satellite school in a project sponsored by the Mayor of London called The Digital Schoolhouse. She has extensive experience in teaching and leading Computer Science from Key stage 2 to Key stage 5. Her leadership includes overseeing the delivery of Computer Science, Electronics and Design and Technology. She has a strong interest in supporting Selwyn Primary School in current and future ventures.

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<b>Mr Abid Patel</b> – Staff Governor	Abid works for the Leading Learning Trust in a trust-wide role as IT Director. He has led the Trust’s digital transformation and is now supporting other schools on this journey. Abid is a Google Certified Trainer who speaks regularly externally. He is a governor at a local primary school and is committed to being part of the strategic leadership team at the Leading Learning Trust.
<b>Ms Anna Carlile</b> – Trust Board appointed Governor	Anna has previously been a trustee and has undertaken voluntary work – but feels that they time is right to focus her voluntary efforts within her local area, as her child starts at Selwyn Primary School. She hopes to use her professional experience around teacher training and education, inclusion, policy writing and student voice to further the aims of both Selwyn Primary School and the Leading Learning Trust.
<b>Mr Barnaby Cook</b> – Trust Board appointed Governor	Barnaby has undertaken a variety of voluntary roles, including as an outward bound leader, a Special Constable and working with an organisation that supports disabled people find work. Wanting to further develop this experience, and c onscious of his own positive experience of the education, he is keen to take on the role of Governor in order to support Selwyn Primary School to provide the very best education to every child. His employment in central government has provided him with a broad skill base: change management, continuous improvement, process development and compliance.
<b>Mr Siddhant Menezes</b> – Coopted Governor	Siddhant has, over the years, undertaken a wide variety of voluntary roles, from mentoring other students to advanced training at his employer. His mentoring work also led to a role on the local council in Leicester, with a remit that included ensuring that the voice of the local young people is heard. Siddhant’s specific desire to expand his voluntary work to the education sector was strongly influenced by seeing the positive impact his mother’s role as a teacher had on young people’s lives. He hopes to bring skills acquired through this work and through his current paid employment as a consultant at a fintech company to Selwyn Primary School where he feels that his mix of consultancy, tech, change management, project management and strategic leadership skills could usefully serve the school in its development.

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<b>Ms Andrea Didier</b> – Coopted Governor	<p>Andrea grew up locally, and lives in the community. As such, she is keen to focus her voluntary work on making a contribution to the local area in which she lives. Andrea is a qualified teacher, and has since worked extensively in tertiary education, initially as a lecturer in literacy, IT and study skills, and latterly in a variety of roles supporting widening university access. She hopes to bring both operational and strategic skills honed in an educational setting to Selwyn Primary School.</p>
<b>Mr Sayem Khondoker</b> – Parent Governor	<p>Sayem has a child at Selwyn and feels that his background and legal training will provide him with a skillset what will help both Selwyn and the Leading Learning Trust develop.</p>

## Resignations since January 2018

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<p><b>Mr Mukesh Gunamel</b> – Co-opted Governor – RESIGNED – 05/11/2018, but remains Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Mr Yingquian Xu</b> – Parent Governor</p>	<p>Yingqian Xu has served as a parent governor at Selwyn primary school since February 2014. He is a Research Manager and Senior Scientist in a high-tech nanotechnology company. He has extensive experience in project management and strategic planning, with strong leadership and budgeting skills. As chair of the laboratory H&amp;S committee at workplace, he also has expertise in the H&amp;S area.</p>
<p><b>Mr Matthew Daniel</b> – School Governor – RESIGNED – 03/12/2018</p>	<p>Matthew Daniel has worked in Newham for the past six academic years. He joined the Leading Learning Trust in September 2016 working across, and raising standards in, years two and three at Portway. In September 2017, he was transferred to the flagship school, Selwyn, and is leading in SMSC as well as leading year four. His special interests are emotional literacy and children's mental health and well- being. Matthew also has a proven track record in teacher training.</p>

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<p><b>Ms Dace Pune</b> – Parent Governor – RESIGNED – 17/06/2019</p>	<p>As a parent governor, Dace has a child at Selwyn, who is supported via the school’s deaf provision. Dace joined the governing body in order to ensure that the ‘parent voice’ is integral to the way in which our school runs. She has worked for a local Newham school as SEN Learning Support Assistant for the last 5 years.</p>
<p><b>Mr Saabir Patel</b> – Trust appointed Governor – RESIGNED – 23/03/2019</p>	<p>Saabir Patel is a Trust appointed Governor having joined in February 2018. He is currently studying law and wishes to use his studies and experience gained from being active in various community projects to ensure that all pupils have access to the highest quality of education possible so that all children can reach their potential.</p>
<p><b>Mr Maduka Ogbuonye</b> – Coopted governor</p>	<p>Maduka Ogbuonye is a parent governor at Selwyn primary school and he has served on the governing body since May 2013. He is a Probation Officer with master’s degrees in the Clinical Science of Drug Addiction and Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy. He is currently carrying out research on the Prevent strategy and radicalisation for a PhD. Maduka’s skills include high order negotiation and conflict resolution, as well as risk assessment and risk management skills.</p>