

Hello Maryland Newsreaders,

I am **Nazrah Ismail**, one of the elected parent governors. I became aware of this role through my husband who was also a governor for the past few years. Being a parent governor is surely unique in the sense that along with the parental view, a strategic approach to the school governance is maintained. I have three children attending Maryland. My eldest son is in **Year 6**, my second son is in **Year 5** and my youngest is presently in **Year 2**. I have therefore a knowledge of all Key stages.

It is a privilege to be part of the governing board and to contribute for the improvement of the school. Parent governors are not delegates and do not speak on behalf of parents, but they do bring a parental perspective to the issues discussed. We attend 4 board meetings per year and other sub-committee meetings. We work as a team and make joint decisions on policy.

I have been a primary school teacher for several years and this background helps me to support the school. As the **Assessment link governor**, I try my best to contribute my ideas to improve the way assessments are conducted and the way results are conveyed to parents. As far as this is concerned, I am very happy with the new assessment policy at Maryland.

I have now changed my career. I am working as a legal executive in a law firm and hopefully become a prospective barrister. I voluntarily help vulnerable people within the local community especially those with housing issues. I am also greatly involved in the local housing campaign against homelessness and families in temporary accommodation. I also work closely with the local MP to assist those with immigration issues and make parliamentary representations regarding any human rights breaches. I believe that my broad knowledge of being a teacher and now a legal executive and a local campaigner will help me understand the wellbeing of all the pupils at the school and be involved in decisions about all aspects of school management.

It is always a pleasure to attend the school's functions such as Harvest Assembly and end of year celebrations which are truly brilliant at Maryland. I would like to extend my appreciation to Mrs Jackson and her team for their outstanding contribution to make Maryland one of the most exceptional schools in Newham.

Kind regards

Nazrah