

Vijay Pal statement

I wish to apply for the role of Parent Governor at Fortismere School. I have spent 25 years as a Metropolitan Police Firearms Officer, following earlier work in NHS financial systems and clinical laboratory science after completing my degree in Microbiology. Throughout my career I have been committed to public service and contributing to the wider community.

I believe strongly in education that goes beyond academic results. Opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, the Mandarin Excellence Programme, sport, music and drama help young people develop confidence, resilience and creativity, and I would support the school in strengthening these areas alongside academic achievement.

As a parent of two children, aged 9 and 13, I understand the importance of creating a school environment that nurtures every student. Being of Asian descent, married to an NHS accountant, and raising mixed-heritage children, I value diversity and inclusion and can represent a broad range of perspectives within the school community.

I would be privileged to serve Fortismere as a Parent Governor and will work hard to uphold the trust placed in me, using my skills and experience to support the school's vision and success. Thank you