

Ishah Ijaz statement

My name is Ishah Ijaz and I am the parent of a Fortismere student. I would be honoured to serve as a parent governor, building on my four years of experience as a governor at Muswell Hill Primary School.

I am a regulatory lawyer and policy strategist with 18 years' experience advising government, regulators, and financial institutions. I currently lead regulatory strategy at HM Treasury, where I focus on aligning innovation, governance, and growth across multiple sectors. My professional background has given me expertise in **strategic planning, accountability, financial oversight, and stakeholder engagement** – all of which are central to the governor role.

I believe that Fortismere should **uphold high standards, high equity, and high opportunity** for all, ensuring that every child is represented and enabled to achieve their full potential. I am particularly committed to inclusion, safeguarding, and ensuring that resources are used effectively to deliver the best possible outcomes for all students. I also care deeply about preparing pupils not just for academic success, but for their **future careers and lives beyond school**, supporting them to be ambitious, curious, and resilient.

I would bring a combination of legal expertise, policy insight, and strategic vision, together with a collaborative approach and a strong commitment to Fortismere's ethos.