

## The Governing Body of Chelsea Open Air Nursery School

The Department for Education<sup>1</sup> define the purpose of a governing body as being *'the strategic leaders of our schools and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education. For maintained schools this is reflected in the law, which states that the purpose of maintained school governing bodies is to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school'...governing bodies should have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:*

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- b. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and*
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent'.*

The structure of our Governing Body is:

- 4 Co-opted governors. These governors are appointed by the Governing Body,
- 2 Staff Governors (Including ex-officio, the Head Teacher and 1 Staff Governor who is appointed following a staff election),
- 1 LA (Local Authority) Governor. The LA nominate candidates who are then voted in by the Governing Body,
- 3 Parent Governors who are appointed by the Governing Body (if there are multiple candidates a Parent Vote takes place)

All terms of office last for 4 years apart from the parent governor roles which are for 2 years.

We also have several sub-committees each with a specific area of focus who look in more detail at specific issues and make decisions as appropriate or make recommendations to the full governing body. We operate the following committees who usually meet on a termly basis:

### **Achievement Committee, Resources Committee, Partnership Committee**

We operate a system of link governors where individual governors take on responsibility for specific subject areas, such as GDPR, Special Educational Needs and Disability, Safeguarding etc. Such governors will meet with their link members of staff and may visit the school to understand how these topics are being managed.

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<sup>1</sup> As stated in the DfE 'Governors' Handbook', January 2015, p. 7

Summary of Governors' Details					Details of any pecuniary or other interests declared by Governors			
Name	Category	Term of Office Dates	Sub-Committees	Link Role/Area of Expertise	Business Interest	Other Interest	Other governor roles held	Date of declaration
Claire Fry	Chair CO-OPTED  Resigned 31-08-2025	01/03/2024- 28/02/2028  Established: 01/04/2016- 31/03/2020 04/03/2020- 03/03/2024	Resources	Safeguarding (Health and Safety) Charity Commission Trustee	-	-	-	Feb 24
Shruti Agrawal	CO-OPTED  Resigned 04/03/2026	01/03/2024- 28/02/2028  Established: 15/06/2016- 14/06/2020 04/03/2020- 03/03/2024	Achievement Partnership	A,G&T /SEND Charity Commission Trustee	-	-	-	Nov 24
Charles Combe	CO-OPTED  Chair 19/11/2025  Vice Chair 20/11/2024	20/05/2024- 19/05/2028  Established: 20/05/2020 - 19/05/2024	Resources		-	-	-	Nov 24
Talia Robinson	STAFF Head Teacher	04/01/2016	Achievement Resources Partnership		-	-	-	June 24
Alex Kelly		03/09/2018			-	-	-	June 24

	Head Teacher (1 day a week)							
Aurora Diaz	CO-OPTED (March 2021)  PARENT  Resigned 20/05/26	05/03/2025- 04/03/2025  Established: 03/03/2021- 02/03/2025 25/04/2018 - 24/04/2022	Resources Achievement	GDPR	-	-	-	Feb 24
Elvis Rexhmati	PARENT	26/05/2023- 25/05/2027	Partnership		-	-	-	May 24
Joanna Teo	PARENT  Resigned 01/01/2026	26/05/2023- 25/05/2027	Partnership		-	-	-	May 24
Candace Queathem	PARENT	08/11/2023- 07/11/2027	Achievement		-	--		Nov 24
Sharon Dunning	STAFF	09/11/2022 08/11/2026	Achievement		-	-	-	June 23
Jamie Awdry	LA  Vice Chair 20/11/25	20/11/2024- 19/11/2028	Resources Partnership		-	-	-	Dec 24
Corinna Rafferty	CO-OPTED 19/11/2025- 18/11/2029  ASSOCIATE	20/11/2024- 19/11/2025	Resources		-	-	-	Dec 24

	20/11/2024-19/11/2025							
Natalie Valenzano	PARENT	04/03/2026-03/03/3030	Achievement Partnership		-	-	-	March 26
VACANT	PARENT							
VACANT	CO-OPTED							

**Summary of governors' absences from full governing body and committee meetings during the 2025-2026 academic year:**

Name	Total number of missed meetings	Name	Total number of missed meetings
Sharon Dunning		Charles Combe	1
Talia Robinson		Elvis Rexhmati	
Alex Kelly		Candace Queathem	1
Aurora Diaz	2	Joanna Teo	1
Jamie Awdry		Corinna Rafferty	
Claire Fry		Natalie Valenzano	
Shruti Agrawal	4		