Governor Profile

Name: Carleene Lee-Phakoe (Councillor)

Category of governor: Co-opted Governor

Appointed by which body: LA nominated Co-opted by Governing Board

Term of office: 30.09.2025

Member of Committee: LTS – Learning Teaching & Safeguarding

Position with Governing Body: Governing Board Member

Link Governor Responsibilities: Inclusion and SEND



I have been a school governor in a parental capacity since 2016 to 2021 where I served on Calverton Primary School Governing Board.

I was born, educated and raised in Newham, and am really proud of my east London roots. Before getting involved in local politics and becoming a local community councillor and cabinet Member for Brighter Futures. I was part of a group of parents that set up a support group called Newham Parent Forum, which still today supports families with children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

I am a passionate advocate for children and young people with SEND needs, and believe all children should be able to grow up in a safe environment and achieve their potential and I also Chair the Newham Corporate Parenting Board. I have seen the massive changes within the Newham, I am committed to making sure that all Children are given a chance within their education and life journey to be able to aspire to be their very best selves and can maximise their talents and the tremendous opportunities around them.

I am honoured and privileged to be able to serve on the federation's governing board where I will be able to help to ensure that young people and the staff are always kept at the heart of the policies and decision that are made that affect them.