

# Meet our Governors



## Kalpesh Khetani

With a professional background in IT strategy, operations, and cybersecurity, I bring a practical, evidence-led approach to risk, delivery, and continuous improvement with strong attention to detail. As a parent governor, I apply these skills to support strategic planning and scrutinise school data, resources, and outcomes. I am also committed to making the governing board more visible and accessible to our school community, ensuring decisions are transparent and firmly in the pupils' best interests.



## Priya Patel

I bring a calm, collaborative leadership style rooted in both professional governance and community engagement. Drawing on my background in healthcare compliance and training, I support the school with strategic planning, policy development, and inclusive decision-making. I aim to strengthen board effectiveness, while maintaining a visible presence through linked visits and parent engagement. My commitment to equity ensures our governance reflects the diverse voices of Stanburn, and I remain focused on driving forward planning with integrity and purpose.



## Nalini Solanki

Award-winning change maker and mum of three, I drive cultural transformation in asset management, combining expertise in digital marketing and business management. I pioneered the sector's first neurodiversity work experience programme and champion inclusion through roles with the Diversity Project and the DWP Insurance Disability Champion group, breaking barriers for young neurodivergent and disabled adults entering the workforce. My superpower? I believe I can bend time. In reality, I'm time blind, which means I often run late, but never out of passion or purpose.



## Toral Patel

Currently employed as a School Business Manager, I oversee finance, operations, health & safety compliance and resource management. Alongside this, I have served as a school governor for over 15 years and bring financial and operational expertise, a strong understanding of compliance, safeguarding and school improvement. I am passionate about education and believe that strong governance is vital in helping schools achieve their vision. My aim is to use both my professional expertise and governor experience to support the school in providing every child with the opportunity to thrive.

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## Hinal Gami

Driven by a strong commitment to education, I am currently serving as a Senior Leader. Beyond my work in school, I am a WomenEd London Network Lead and a DfE Women Leading in Education coach. I bring extensive curriculum expertise and a strong focus on teaching and learning to the governing body. I was honoured to receive the Jack Petchey Leader Award for outstanding service to young people, and I remain deeply committed to supporting the next generation. As a mum of two children at the school, I am proud to contribute to and support our local community.



## Andrew Joanides

As Year 6 and Maths Lead at Stanburn Primary, I bring day-to-day classroom insight and curriculum expertise to my role as Staff Governor. I help ensure that the voices of our pupils, families and colleagues are heard at every level of school decision-making. My role bridges classroom experience with long-term planning, helping to make sure that every decision we take reflects our shared values and needs of our children. It's a rewarding opportunity to collaborate, influence positive change, and help Stanburn continue to grow as a vibrant, inclusive, and ambitious primary school.



## Dhanesh Shah

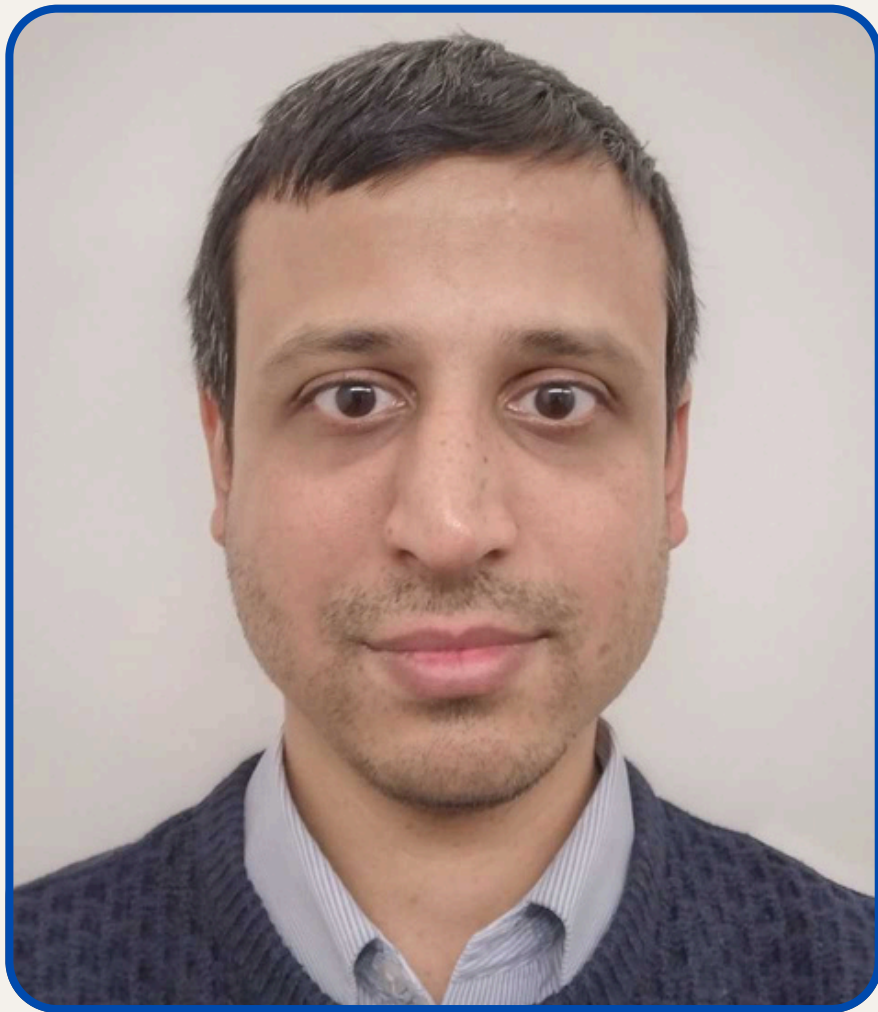
As a co-opted governor, I bring over 10 years of experience on governing boards alongside professional expertise as a qualified accountant. I contribute strong financial oversight, strategic planning, and risk management skills to support effective, evidence-based decision making. I am committed to ensuring resources are used efficiently to maximise outcomes for pupils and to supporting school leaders in maintaining high standards. I value collaboration, transparency, and continuous improvement, and I am dedicated to helping the school provide a safe, inclusive, and aspirational learning environment for all.



## Karishma Parekh

As a dedicated parent and passionate advocate for lifelong learning, I am eager to contribute to Stanburn's continued success as a Parent Governor. With over seven years of professional experience in Human Resources, combined with four years of prior teaching experience, I bring both strategic and educational perspectives to this role. I am particularly passionate about fostering inclusion, supporting staff wellbeing, and helping every child achieve their full potential, academically and emotionally. I aim to bring a balanced approach of empathy, accountability, and strategic insight to the Governing Board.

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## Jigar Patel

Having grown up and now raising my own children in Harrow, I want to give back to the local community by supporting schools in their vital role of nurturing happy, well-rounded pupils. With 18 years of experience in the Finance industry, I bring expertise in budgeting, project planning, and managing priorities. My professional background, combined with tutoring experience, equips me to contribute effectively to school governance. Serving as a governor in Harrow allows me to use these skills to strengthen the educational experience for all children in my community.



## Kessar Kalim

As a Director of HR, I bring extensive strategic HR and risk management expertise. My expertise spans the strategic areas vital to school governance including but not limited to: organisational development, employee relations, risk management, compliance, and strategic planning. Combined with my commitment to Stanburn's community and the wellbeing of all its pupils, I contribute to the school's continued success and strategic development. I am honoured to serve as Parent Governor and support Stanburn in achieving its vision of learning without limits.



## Daniela Calabrese

As Clerk to the Governing Body, I am enthusiastic about contributing to the leadership of Stanburn Primary School. Prior to this, I built over 12 years of experience in the museum sector, where I developed strong administrative and operational expertise. My career has included positions administrative and customer facing roles at leading institutions including the V&A Museum, RAF Museum, Historic Royal Palaces, and English Heritage. I bring an array of administrative and collaborative skills, a fresh perspective, and genuine passion to support the school in achieving the highest standards.



## Elaine D'Souza

As headteacher of Stanburn Primary School, I am committed to working collaboratively with our governors, valuing the wide range of experience and perspectives they bring from diverse professional backgrounds. Together, we strengthen the strategic direction of our school, ensuring that every decision supports high-quality teaching, inclusive practice, and long-term improvement. By fostering open communication and shared accountability, we build a culture where all pupils are encouraged to believe in themselves, strive for excellence, and achieve their fullest potential.