



## Governors at Soar Valley College

Governors at Soar Valley College work with the leaders of the school principally to fulfil the role of a Governing body this includes:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Principal to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Soar Valley College currently has 11 Governors plus The Principal as senior leader. It is serviced by a trained clerk. Currently, the Associate Principal of the school also attends Governors meetings.

Here is summary of the Governors and their roles:



### **Dr Ed Thompson- Co-opted Governor- Safeguarding**

Ed is an Associate Professor in the Business and Law Faculty at De Montfort University. With a background in both academia and the public sector, Ed currently serves as Chair of Governors, having previously served as Chair for another local school.



### **Ann White- Co-opted Governor- Chair of Governors**

Ann was Finance Manager at Soar Valley for many years. Now enjoying a well-earned retirement, Ann continues to bring a wealth of expertise in school finances to the Governing body. Ann currently serves as Vice chair of Governors.



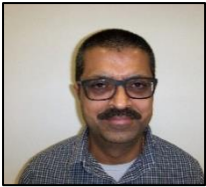
### **Lesley Hall- Co-opted Governor**

Lesley is the Assistant Head of Department of Mathematics and the lead for the Maths 'Hub' within the city. Having taught at Soar Valley for many years, she cares passionately about the students she teaches and the wider school.



### **Anne Challenger- Co-opted Governor- Deputy link for SEND**

Few know more about the comings and goings at Soar Valley than Anne. Her association with Soar Valley stretches back as she served with distinction as Catering Manager in the kitchens for many years. Now happily retired, Anne is still passionate about all young people reaching their potential and especially champions those with additional needs.



**Dolatrai Mistry- Co-opted Governor**

Dolatrai has a background in engineering. His association with Soar Valley is long having had 3 children successfully come through the school. Having first served as a parent Governor. Dolatrai continues to bring his input as a co-opted Governor.



**Sam Rogers- Parent Governor**

Sam has 2 daughters currently attending Soar Valley College, and another who completed her studies a few years ago. Sam is an elected Parent Governor.



**Maha Khochen- Co-opted Governor- Governor Link for SEND**

Maha is an education consultant in disability inclusion, lecturing internationally on the subject. She is interested in promoting access to and quality of education for all children with focus on those at risk of exclusion.



**Helen Exon- Local Authority Governor- Vice Chair of Governors Governor Link for Careers**

Helen has experience in numerous city schools within Leicester as a Careers Advisor. As a maintained school, Helen serves as the Governor link from the local authority and is also the Governor link for careers.



**Jordan Styles- Staff Governor- Governor Link for Anti-Bullying**

Jordan is the Assistant Head of Department for History currently working at Soar Valley College. Jordan serves as Staff Governor and is Governor link for Anti-bullying.



**Jaspreet Sangra – Co-opted Governor**

Jaspreet is a qualified Solicitor specialising in all areas of Education law. She advises schools and colleges on a range of legal issues, and has represented Soar Valley College for a number of years.



**Vikesh Mistry**

Vikesh is a multi-awarding winning entrepreneur and educator. He has extensive experience working in HE and FE bringing a wealth of knowledge that will help drive improvements for the student educational experience.



**Nadia Gaffar – Parent Governor**

Nadia is the parent of 2 daughters attending Soar Valley College, and is passionate about ensuring the best possible provision for all children. She has experience supporting vulnerable mothers through community projects. Nadia has recently completed a baby massage course and uses her expertise and knowledge to support mums across Leicester. Nadia hopes to bring a ‘mum’s perspective’ to the Governing Board.



**Julie Robinson- Principal**

Julie has been the Principal of Soar Valley College since 2014, being Vice Principal at the school prior to this. She has worked in a number of city secondary schools and brings a wide range of expertise and provides strong leadership and vision to the school.



**Smita Stone – Clerk (Non Voting)**

Smita is the Clerk for the Governing body of Soar Valley. Having worked in people management within education for some time, Smita brings her expertise to the role of Clerk and ensures the smooth running of the Governing body