



EYFS GOVERNOR  
CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK  
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# WELCOME FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Nestled in the heart of Kent and yet within easy reach of London, Dulwich Cranbrook offers an all-encompassing day and flexible boarding experience to over 400 boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 16, all within 50 acres of stunning grounds. The School, together with Dulwich Prep London, is a subsidiary of Dulwich Preparatory Schools Trust.

The School was one of the first preparatory schools to move to co-education in the 1970s and its tradition of innovation has endured ever since. Following the recent opening of our phone-free Senior School, the expansion up to GCSE is an exciting next stage in the School's development. Sophie Bradshaw was appointed as Head of School from September 2023 and a new Director of Finance and Operations joined in August 2024.

Dulwich Cranbrook is proud to offer a full spectrum of academic and co-curricular opportunities to its pupils, ensuring that excellence in the classroom is complemented by a fulfilling and varied programme outside it. We champion an individualised approach

to learning – inspiring and supporting each and every child to fulfil their potential, and equipping them with the skills and confidence they need to navigate their own unique educational pathway. This educational philosophy is at the core of our offer, from Early Years right through to GCSE.

Beyond the classroom, our vast and varied co-curricular programme gives every pupil the opportunity to discover their passions, find their strengths and personalise their week. It is a vital component of Dulwich life, in order to equip children with the skillset, confidence and drive to forge a future-ready path for themselves.

The School is now looking to appoint a new EYFS Governor to provide strong strategic oversight, support, and accountability for the delivery and quality of early years education within the Prep School section of Dulwich Cranbrook.

*Tom Durie*  
*Interim Chair of Governors*



# AIMS AND VALUES

The aim of Dulwich Cranbrook is to inspire and develop confident, capable, and compassionate young people – the changemakers of the future.

At Dulwich Cranbrook we are:

## **Forward Thinking**

Like our pioneering founders, we challenge the norm with original ideas, forward thinking and a fresh approach.

## **Caring**

We're nurturing, inclusive, kind and supportive – we ensure that we understand the unique needs and wellbeing of each and every family.

## **Encouraging**

We encourage our children to explore and enjoy a wide variety of incredible experiences and opportunities.

## **Inspiring**

Enquiring minds and creative imaginations are developed alongside the pride and power of teamwork, to build confidence and character.

## **Empowering**

Whichever path they choose, we offer a wonderfully well-rounded education to ensure that each child has the skills and confidence to navigate their own educational journey.



# EYFS GOVERNOR ROLE

The role of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Governor is to provide strategic oversight, support, and accountability for the delivery and quality of early years education within the Prep School section of Dulwich Cranbrook. This role ensures that the school meets the statutory requirements of the EYFS framework and aligns with the School's overall aims and ethos. The EYFS Governor is a member of the Education Committee.

Key responsibilities include:

## 1. Oversight and Accountability

- **Ensure Compliance:** The Governor ensures the School meets the statutory requirements of the EYFS framework, including safeguarding, welfare, and learning/development.
- **Monitor Quality:** Oversight of teaching quality, staff qualifications, learning outcomes, and the general well-being of children in EYFS settings.
- **Review Policies:** Involvement in reviewing and updating policies related to early years (e.g. safeguarding, behaviour, SEND, health and safety).

## 2. Regular Contact with Key Staff

- **Regular contact (termly) with Head of Prep and Deputy Head EYFS** to maintain communication about strategic direction and key EYFS issues. To discuss:
  - Curriculum implementation
  - Progress tracking and assessment
  - Staff development and training needs
  - Inspection readiness

## 3. Visits and Reporting

- **Termly visits / Learning walks:** Visit EYFS classrooms and learning environments to observe practice and talk to staff and children (as appropriate).
- **Governor Reports:** Contribute to Education Committee reports presented to the Board of Governors regarding EYFS performance, challenges and improvements.

## 4. Support and Challenge

- **Strategic Input:** Offer support and constructive challenge to the Head of Prep and Deputy Head EYFS to ensure continuous improvement.
- **Resource Advocacy:** Advocate for appropriate resources (e.g. staffing, materials and CPD) for early years provision.

## 5. Training and Awareness

- **Governor Training:** Undertake specific training on EYFS requirements and governance responsibilities.
- **Stay Updated:** Keep up to date with changes to the EYFS statutory framework and other relevant documentation.

## 6. Time Commitment

- The EYFS Governor will be a member of the Board of Governors, which meets once a term in person and will be a member of the Education Committee, which meets once a term (in person or online). Such meetings generally take place late afternoon, generally around 4.30pm to 5.00pm. Other elements of the role will be as set out above.





# HOW TO APPLY

We welcome applications from the widest possible diversity of backgrounds, and appointments are made on merit following a fair and transparent process.

If you would like to apply, please send your CV with a covering letter explaining why you believe you are suitable for the role by 31 July 2025 to [recruitment@dulwichcranbrook.org](mailto:recruitment@dulwichcranbrook.org).

Applications will be reviewed and you will be notified of the outcome of these discussions. Shortlisted candidates will then be invited for interview (we plan to hold the first stage interviews online and the final stage on site at the School)

If you would like a confidential, informal conversation about the role, please contact our Clerk to the Governors by emailing [bursar@dulwichcranbrook.org](mailto:bursar@dulwichcranbrook.org).

*Dulwich Cranbrook is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo enhanced child protection screening appropriate to the position, including checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service and previous employers. As part of your role, you will be required to adhere to all School Policies, to include but not be limited to Safeguarding and Child Protection, Code of Conduct and Health & Safety. Dulwich Cranbrook is an Equal Opportunities Employer and appointments will be made without regard to gender, age or ethnic origin.*

