

Candidate name:	Leanne Esofsky
Candidate Statement:	<p>My love for supporting children to fulfil their potential began when I was 19 years old when I volunteered at a school for special needs children; this was the most rewarding job I had had. I then worked in America with children with disabilities encouraging children to leave their comfort zones, to join in with others of different abilities. The joy and fulfilment of seeing them realise their potential is something that has stayed with since that time and chimes with the ethos of our school.</p> <p>I have been incredibly impressed with the support my daughter has received since she started reception in 2021. I would value the chance to give back to the school who has given so much to my child. I have another child who I hope will start at Highfield in 2025 so I have a long term commitment to our school.</p> <p>I work within the Health and Social Care sector supporting adults with disabilities and have done for the last 17 years. For the past 11 years I have been a manager. My philosophy is that every moment has potential and have embedded this within the teams I lead. I go to work to make a difference.</p> <p>I have a deep understanding of the policies, procedures and statutory guidance which govern my sector, much of which apply to education. I hold a management qualification in Leadership and Young People's Services. I have skills and knowledge which will transfer into the parent governor role.</p> <p>I share the school's commitment to making sure our children have a safe and secure environment to learn in so that they thrive at Highfield and all fulfil their potential. I am trained in Safeguarding at a management level.</p> <p>I would love to be given the opportunity to also make a difference to Highfield as well.</p>