

Brookland Infant & Nursery and Brookland Junior Schools
Full governing body meeting - Unclerked
18 Nov 2025 6pm INFANT school
Minutes

LA GOVERNOR

Lucy Tobin

STAFF GOVERNOR

Jenny Catley

PARENT GOVERNORS

Samantha Jayasekera-Heffer (Infant)
Kate Blumhof (Junior)

CO-OPTED GOVERNORS (12)

Gabi Symons- (Junior Teacher)
Aimee Epstein (Infant Teacher)
Farnoush Bikdeli (Junior Support)
Michael Farhi
James Clare (Vice Chair)
Lisa Weinbrenn
Laura Pincus (Chair)
Nick Astaire
Jeff Harris
Judith Bernstein
David Lee
Daniella Jackson

HEADTEACHERS

Brenda McCafferty (Infant Headteacher)
Jenny Aylen (Junior Headteacher)

NON-VOTING OBSERVERS

Amy Hurst (Infant DHT)
Cara Christie (Junior DHT)

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Sapna Shah
Karen Gubbay

1. Welcome/visitors
The chair welcomed all and guest Gillian Delaney.
2. Acceptance/nonacceptance of apologies for absence
Apologies received from SJH, AH, GS, FB, MF LW SS KG. NA was remote.
3. Directors Report
Take note of Barnet governor courses.
Funding challenges across Barnet.
SEND pilot programme
Complaints management: independent review panels
KCSIE 2025
A new requirement for the chair to sign off the school's digital reporting form which outlines how the PE and sports premium allocation are spent.
New writing framework.
4. Compliance – TOR and Governor Hub
Committee chairs were reminded to submit TORs to the chair.
Please can everyone ensure that they have completed all compliance items, including the cyber security training.
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyber-security-training-schools>
ACTION: ALL
5. Ofsted update/framework training
Schools being inspected now will be reported in January.
New inspection Toolkits

Report cards - 5-point scale for each area, no overall grade
Safeguarding judgement will be Met/Not met
Focus on impact
New Inclusion evaluation
All calls Monday morning
How do pupils achieve, belong, thrive?

6. RE books R/Y1/Y3/Y4
Looked at books. "Big Questions"
7. Governor skills audit/effectiveness audit
Discussions in small groups. LP to publish results. **ACTION: LP**
8. Thank you to Aimee
We all thanked Aimee for her service. Please can Amiee be removed from all relevant places, website, GIAS, GH etc. **ACTION: BMc/JA/LP**
Gillian Delaney will take her place on the board. We will co-opt her in January.
She will have History as her subject. Please can Gillian be added to all relevant places, website, GIAS, GH etc. **ACTION: BMc/JA/LP**
9. Little People Big Dreams
JA spoke about the new Mr. Men (JR) book project with a aspirational/career focus. Was very popular.
10. 75th bday/marketing
Continue to talk about both. BMc actioning some of LTs suggestions.
11. AOB – governor spotlight questions

Upcoming dates:

Wed Jan 28 2026 Curriculum Tea 3:30/meeting 5pm

Tues Mar 10 2026 6pm

Tues 19 May 2026 6pm

Tues July 7 2026 6pm unclerked

