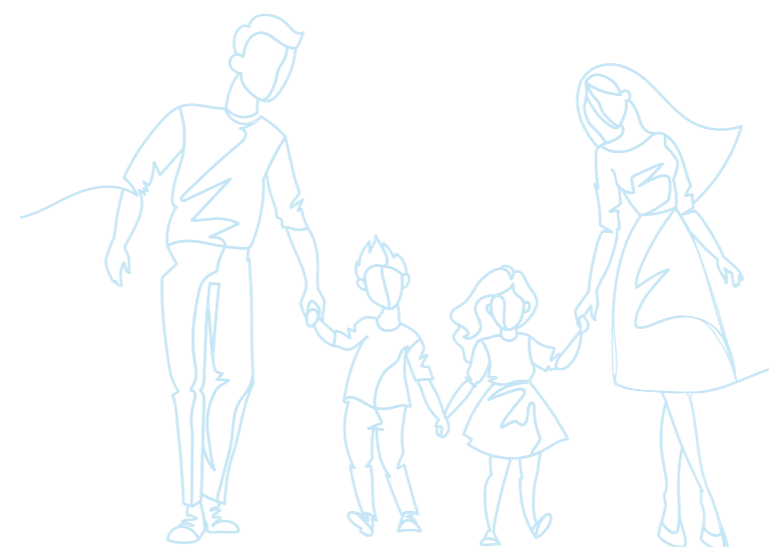


## LISA ETHRIDGE

Parent Governor  
Doha College



Dear DC Community,

Welcome back to Doha College and to the new academic year. The last couple of years have been a whirlwind for the school and for our community. The pandemic has changed so many things for so many people, yet our school community has shown incredible resilience and worked through it all.

At the height of the pandemic, in 2020, I joined the Board of Governors, as a Parent Elected Governor. It was certainly an interesting challenge to join the Board in a period where face to face meetings were not possible and zoom calls became the norm.

During the past year, I have found it fascinating to truly understand the role of the Board of Governors, which, I must admit, is far more wide-ranging than I had imagined. I thought it would be interesting to share this with our wider community, and to look at how the Board of Governors works within Doha College and focus on one of the committees which I am heavily involved in.

### **In general terms any Governing Body will work closely with the Principal and leadership team to:**

- Have a clear strategy for the school
- Ensure the best possible education for all pupils in the school, and that the best staff are recruited, trained and managed.
- Ensure that safeguarding procedures are properly observed and child protection is a priority matter (all governors go through safe guarding training).
- Review budgets
- Review educational results

In Doha College, as well as the full Board, there are 4 sub committees, with specific responsibilities Personally, I am member of Education Standards Committee, and the Governance Committee, and in Nov 2020, I took on the role of Chair of the Development Committee.

Over the past few years, the Development Committee has been intrinsically involved in the

oversight of the project to relocate our Campus, which was successfully achieved this time last year. Over the last academic year, the committee has maintained continued focus on finalizing the project (snagging lists, approvals, signs off etc.), however as we enter this new academic year and the project nears final completion, the Development Committee will commence the new year with renewed focus on some of our other key objectives.

### **Development Committee Primary Objective:**

To support the College in achieving its Primary Objective, by focusing on leveraging stakeholder and wider community relationships and incubating early stage and/or multi-disciplinary initiatives supporting the strategic vision of the College. To oversee major projects and strategic initiatives delegated to it by the Board of Governors.

### **Development Committee Primary Focus Areas:**

- Communication and engagement with our entire community, pupils, parents, teachers, neighbours etc
- Leveraging our wider community to assist the school and enrich the curriculum
- Review future needs, requirements and improvements for the school.

I am excited to start the new academic year and to recommence our Board activities. Our Board members will continue to engage with all our stakeholders, staff, students, parents and the wide community, as restrictions lift, we will hopefully be able to do this in person, until then we will make the most of the technology available, to keep active in our school community.

I wish you all a happy and successful year.

Lisa Ethridge

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