

Dear parents and carers,

I was delighted to be invited to chair the Anthem Community Council (ACC) at Judith Kerr Primary School. Just like the many roles I've had in education, this is a huge privilege. I'd particularly like to thank those parents who've taken the time to welcome me via LinkedIn and to wish me every success in the role; it's been greatly appreciated.

I visited the school during the recent review day. This was an excellent opportunity to get to know more about the school and to meet staff and pupils. I was very impressed with what I saw, both in terms of the education being delivered and the approach to quality assurance.

As you all know very well, Judith Kerr is a remarkable school. The role of parents in creating, shaping and supporting the school from its inception to where it is now is astonishing. To this end, I've asked governance colleagues at Anthem if we can increase the number of spaces allocated to parents on the ACC so as to ensure this energy is best captured. I'm therefore delighted to welcome both Alexander Iosad and Jade Mercedes to the ACC and I am looking forward to working with them. You will be able to read their personal statements at <https://www.judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk/lgb>.

Over the years I've experienced school governance as both a school leader and as a governor and trustee. I'm particularly keen to see how we can make the Anthem 'Champion' model work in the best interests of our school community. We need to continue to build capacity across the team, particularly the role of German champion. Please do connect with anyone you know who might consider joining us as an ACC member and look out for communications as we seek to build the team.

I'm looking forward to the next full meeting of the ACC later in June and especially the chance to hear from the school's Timi champions, Beatrix and Tess. We will be seeking your feedback around SEND via a short survey and will review this during the meeting. Please forward any feedback to the ACC via the school admin email, with For the attention of the ACC in the subject line. But please note this is not intended to replace any of the formal channels that you are used to using when communicating with the school.

May I conclude by thanking you all for your continuing support for the staff and pupils at Judith Kerr.

Duncan Baldwin  
Chair, Anthem Community Council