

Sarata has lived in the area her whole life and is passionate about supporting her local community. She's been actively involved in various community projects for over a decade, always looking for ways to bring people together and make a positive impact.

She's played a big role in supporting communities in Beeston—organising family fun days, attending resident meetings, and getting stuck into events like the Beeston Festival. She also works closely with the Gambian community in Leeds, mentoring young people and helping them explore their history and identity. Through her work as a youth worker and a volunteer at the Hamara Centre, she's supported food banks, homelessness outreach, and local families in need.

On top of her community work, Sarata is also a trustee for the Leeds African Communities Trust, where she helps oversee projects that make a real difference. She's not afraid to ask tough questions and challenge leadership to ensure the trust stays on track. Education is something she cares deeply about, and she's committed to making sure every child has the support they need to reach their potential—values that fit perfectly with Greenmount Primary School's ethos.

She already has a strong understanding of safeguarding and wellbeing and is keen to build on this with further training. Her experience in mentoring and advocacy means she's always looking for ways to help children develop confidence, independence, and a love for learning.

As a school governor, Sarata will bring leadership, fresh ideas, and a real passion for inclusion. She's looking forward to working with the team to support the school and help every child thrive.