

Governors Newsletter

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Meet the Governing Board



Our school governing body is made up of Co-opted, Local Authority, Staff and Parent Governors.

We are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

As a governing panel we have a range of different backgrounds and experiences and we would like to share these with you in the first edition of our governors newsletter.

Anna Jones—Headteacher

I have been Headteacher at Shamblehurst Primary since September 2016. I believe high outcomes, both in terms of academic and personal and social outcomes, can be achieved by offering children an inspirational, diverse and creative curriculum. We strive at Shamblehurst to encourage children to think deeply, to question and to become outstanding future citizens.



We have grown a team of talented, passionate and dedicated teachers, learning support staff and governors, who always go the extra mile for our children. The pandemic has proved what an amazing community we are #TeamShamblehurst.

I am very proud of the last four years and look forward to the next stage of our journey.



Becky Veal—Chair of Governors

I am the Chair of the Governing body. I have been part of the governing body for four years. My responsibilities include safeguarding in the school, equalities and pupil voice amongst others. I work full time, but work shifts and this gives me flexibility and allows me to be in school when it matters. I enjoy being a part of every child's success at Shamblehurst and have got to know many of them.

Dina Wilson—Vice Chair of Governors (Co-opted)

I have been a governor at Shamblehurst Primary School for many years. My area of responsibilities are Health & Safety, Finances, Sport Premium and Performance Management.

I am a governor because I like to contribute to the success of the school and to take an active role in supporting our children to achieve, thrive and be happy.

I am very proud of our school, our pupils and their successes and I am proud of being part of our team of Governors. I find my role very rewarding.





Janet Davis (Co-opted)

I joined the Governing Body in September 2018. Previously Deputy Head, and on two occasions Acting Head of Shamblehurst Primary School, my passion for education and special interest in Shamblehurst never left me after I retired 11 years ago.

My focused areas of responsibility are SEND, Pupil Premium and Performance Management.

I have written three children's adventure stories entitled, 'The Gracie Blessing Trilogy' which was finally completed and published this year.

Mike McCarthy (Co-opted)

I had the privilege of joining the Governing Body in July 2018. I have responsibility for Finance, Training and Development and Performance Management. I have previously worked on the support staff team in a large senior school and have seen first hand how good governance can help towards giving every young person the best possible opportunities.



Lisa Wright (Parent Governor)

After my election as a parent governor in 2018 I have been given the responsibilities of Early Years and English. With 12 years teaching experience I aim to support the staff and school in providing excellent learning opportunities to ensure all children have the best start to their education. I also have two young children of my own who attend Shamblehurst and you may also know me as the Toucans class teacher!

Jon Hill (Staff Governor)

I have been working at Shamblehurst since qualifying as a teacher in 2012. Over the years, I have worked across Key Stage 2 and been involved in a number of extra curricular activities and events. As well as teaching maths in Year 6, I am the school Computing Lead and have a real interest in how different forms of ICT such as Seesaw can support children and teachers in learning as well as being used for real outcomes.



Laura Holborow (Parent Governor)

I have been on the governing board since September 2018. I am a secondary school Computing teacher with two children, one of which is in Year 3 at Shamblehurst..

I joined the governing board because I have passion about education and increasing the life changes for young people. My governor responsibilities in school include Curriculum, STEM and Pupil Premium.

Recruitment of Governors—we are looking to expand the governing board!

We are particularly looking for new governors who do not have any direct links to the school and have experience or a background in finance. If you are interested or know someone who may be then please get in touch via school reception.