



## Meet Our Governing Body

### Sue Watson



I have been involved with the Governing Board of Kingsclere CE Primary School since 2011, when I joined as an Associate. I later became a governor co-opted by the Governing Board and recently became the Local Authority appointed governor. I have been Vice-Chair of Governors, Chair of the Finance Committee, Development and Training Governor and am currently Chair of Governors. As such, I sit on both the Curriculum and Finance Committees. My history with our school goes back many years, as both my sons attended the school from the ages of 6 and 8 years old, when we moved to Kingsclere. During that time, I was a member of FKS Committee, our Parent Association. I was formerly a primary school Headteacher so that the skills I bring to governance are those connected to educational leadership. For a number of years, I have led on interviewing sample groups of pupils to ascertain their views on the school. I help in school on a regular basis – although this was not possible during the earlier part of the pandemic – and I particularly enjoy being involved in children's learning and development.

### Claire Harris



I live in Kingsclere with my family and was brought up locally. We have two older teenage sons. My background is in IT and Marketing, and I was COO of a software company for 10 years. I am particularly interested in managing people and building strong teams. I have been a co-opted governor since March 2020 and feel very committed to the school. I am currently Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and involved in Head Teacher Performance Management and monitoring the schools' provision for our Pupil Premium pupils, which I feel very passionately about.

### Mark Ellis



I have been a co-opted governor since 2019, and in 2022, transferred to the role of parent governor. I have worked in NHS finance for almost 20 years, holding senior positions at hospital trusts in Hampshire, Berkshire, and most recently Wiltshire. On the Governing Board, I am Chair of the Finance, Resources, Pay and Personnel Committee and have sat on the Headteachers' Performance Management Panel. My wife and I have lived in Kingsclere since 2006 and have three children, the youngest of whom attends Kingsclere, with the older two having moved on to secondary school in recent years.

### Ian Bowes



I have lived in Kingsclere for over 20 years; both of my children attended Kingsclere CE Primary School. After my first degree, I qualified as a teacher and I taught for several years in the west of Scotland. I then transitioned to industry and, following a career in the nuclear industry where I held senior commercial and operational roles, I now devote much of my time to community activities. I am a Councillor on Kingsclere Parish Council, Treasurer of



Kingsclere Community Association, Treasurer of Kingsclere Youth Football Club and a director of Kingsclere Performing Arts and Youth Centre Community Interest Company - the organisation aiming to develop 24 Swan Street as a base Flourishing through Love Courage Respect for the performing arts and the youth of the community. With a Masters in Business Administration and a career in business, I apply my experience in supporting community organisations to deliver the benefits they are set up to provide in an effective way. I hope to support Kingsclere CE Primary School with my business knowledge and provide a link to other community organisations.

### **Kerry McLaughlin**



I have a background in medical research with a PhD in the biological sciences. Coming from a scientific background, I believe that equipping children with critical thinking and problem-solving skills through STEM learning will stand them in good stead throughout their education and beyond. I joined the Governing Body in September 2020, initially as an Associate Governor and then as a Co-opted Governor. I am currently Vice Chair of Governors. I sit on the Curriculum Committee and I am the Governor for Science and Design & Technology. I also hold the role of Development and Training Governor, which involves ensuring the Governing Body is equipped with the relevant skills and knowledge to provide effective governance. I live in the village and have two young children, both at Kingsclere CE Primary School.

### **Ken Lennon**



My wife and I moved from the Kent coast to Kingsclere in 2021. Before moving to Kent, we lived for more than twenty years in a Hertfordshire village, and we are pleased to become involved in village life once more. I have been involved in sport for many years, enjoying rugby, soccer and running and I continue to support my youngest grandchildren, who live in Newbury, in their sport and leisure activities. The largest part of my working life was spent in primary schools in Cumbria, Hertfordshire, and Buckinghamshire, initially as a class teacher and eventually as a Headteacher over more than twenty years. I am a member of the Curriculum Committee with responsibility for Maths. Although there have been many changes since I retired, I hope my wide experience in primary education will enable me to support the continuing development of Kingsclere CE Primary School.

### **Sophie Conway**



I am a new co-opted Governor and I have responsibility for monitoring the school's provision for children with special educational needs and those who are in the care of the local authority. I have lived in and around Kingsclere for 18 years. I have 3 children, a son who is 15 and twin daughters who are 9. I have done lots of fundraising for charities and have worked with Riding for the Disabled. I am really enjoying getting to know our school and everyone involved, especially the children.



### **Sara Hannan**



Sara is a Foundation Governor. Her information will be updated shortly.

### **Natalie Higgins**



I was appointed as a co-opted governor in March 2023, and sit on the Finance, Resources, Pay, Personnel and Health and Safety Committee. I have also recently been appointed as safeguarding governor. I am originally from the North West, but have happily lived in Kingsclere for 6 years with my husband and now our 2 year old daughter. My background is originally in science, but I am a qualified accountant and have worked in finance for nearly 20 years. I have held a number of senior leadership roles in commercial finance, predominantly in the property sector but with prior experience in the NHS and wealth management. I hope to bring my commercial knowledge to support the direction and continued development of the school and I am enjoying getting to know the school better and supporting wider initiatives.

### **Scott Duff**



Following our eldest daughter joining the school in Autumn 2023 I was appointed as a Parent Governor and currently sit on the Finance Committee. I grew up in the local area and after studying Physiotherapy at University I then secured roles in the NHS and subsequently commissioned as an Officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps where I served at home and overseas on operations. I've since moved career area into finance and currently work for a US investment management firm. I'm hoping to use my experiences across both public and private sectors to support the strategic direction of the school where I can.

### **Hollie Randall**



Hollie is a new Staff Governor. Her information will be updated shortly.

The Headteacher is also a member of the Governing Board of the school.

## **Associate Governors**

### **Angus Cater**



Angus is an Associate Governor to Kingsclere CE Primary School and was appointed in 2023, sitting on the Finance Committee. Angus had a long career in business, his last position being Chairman of an insurance business, SFS Group Ltd. He has an accounting qualification from the ACCA (CDipAF) and two MAs - one in Strategic Financial



Management and one in Biography. He is currently halfway through a PhD - his subject being the athlete and politician Sir Christopher Chataway. During his working life (he retired in 2020) he also trained Heads in Financial Management, and Senior Leadership Teams in Crisis Management. In his spare time, he sails and runs (slowly).

### **Daniel Jackson**



I have been an Associate Governor since 2023 and my role extends to the finance committee, where I hope to support the school's governors in creating a robust grounding for our school's future. Moving to the village in 2016 I have two children within the school and have seen first-hand the nurturing atmosphere of the school.

Professionally, I'm an architect with a particular focus on education design, driven by a genuine passion for creating spaces that enhance and inspire learning. My career has equipped me with valuable experience in construction, project management, and creative problem-solving, qualities I hope to bring to the governance role. My professional life has also given me a deep understanding of sustainability, recognising its importance in shaping a better future for our children. My interests outside of work extend to art and design, as well as a love for the outdoors and adventurous pursuits.

## **Foundation Governors**

### **John Price**



I have lived in Kingsclere for 24 years. I am in my second term as a Foundation Governor appointed by the local Church Diocese. I attend the local church, St Mary's, where I am Church Warden. I am retired after a career in IT, Finance and Human Resources. I am a member of the School's Finance, Resources, Pay and Personnel Committee. As a

Governor, I particularly monitor Art and Music within the school. I, along with other members of St Mary's Church Ministry Team, am privileged to come into school and help with Collective Worship assemblies, which I also monitor.

### **Pete Williams**



I have been the Priest-in-Charge of the Church of England churches in Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley since June 2023, and am honoured to be a governor of our wonderful school. I am keen that we foster a culture where all staff & pupils can flourish and have all the support and encouragement they need to soar to their full potential. I have a

background in engineering, and have managed large teams in different spheres, including sales, media & church. I'm married to Beverley & we have four adult children, three here in the UK and one in California, where we lived for ten years.