



Meet Our Governing Body

Co-opted Governors

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 the Co-Chair and 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.

Ian Bowes



I am currently the Co-Chair of the Governing Body. 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.

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 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.

Amy Croft –I was appointed as a Co-opted Governor in July 2025 after a short spell as an Associate Governor. I am a GP with a role in children's safeguarding, so I will take on the role of Safeguarding Governor and sit on the Curriculum Committee.

We live in the village and have two children who attend the school.

Angus Cater



Angus is a co-opted 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).

Local Authority Governor

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 Chair of Governors, Chair of the Finance Committee, Development and Training Governor. 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.



Parent Governors

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' Appraisal 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.

Brandon Sternquist - I rejoined Kingsclere CE Primary School as an associate governor in 2025 and have now transferred to a Parent Governor role, having previously served as a parent governor from 2020 to 2023. For the last 20 years, I have worked across charity and government sectors leading business development, governance, and the delivery of global humanitarian and international development programmes. I am a long-time member of our school PTA, Friends of Kingsclere CE Primary School (FKS), and recently completed my Trustee position with Kingsclere Preschool and "Busy Bees" prior to that. In my role on the Governing Board, I am a member of the Finance Committee and also work closely with FKS on fundraising and school investments. My wife and I have lived in Kingsclere for over ten years and we have three children who have attended Kingsclere Primary School.

Staff Governor

Hollie Randall



I have been part of the Kingsclere school community since 2019 as a class teacher. I have a strong personal connection to the area, having lived in Kingsclere all my life and attended the school as a child. In my current role, I lead Religious Education, Phonics and Modern Foreign Languages and I am committed to supporting high-quality teaching and learning across the curriculum.

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

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.

Sara Hannah



I am Sara Hannan and I am one of the two Foundation Governors, appointed by the Diocese of Winchester and representing St Mary's Church. I have been involved with St Mary's for many years; organising Saturday coffee mornings, serving on the PCC and organising the church fête. I was appointed in March 2022 and am a member of the Curriculum Committee. I have served on Complaints and Disciplinary panels and am now a member of the Head Teacher's Performance Panel. I monitor French and RS. I have a degree in French and German from Somerville College, Oxford, and I am passionate about education and promoting high standards. My husband and I have three children between the ages of 9 and 24, and we live in Kingsclere. I teach yoga at the Village Club.

Associate Governors

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.

Jason Hart – Jason is an Associate Governor.