

CLAIRE MARCH MALLINSON – Co-opted Governor – Chair of Governors

I became a Co-opted Governor for Hawkinge Primary School in 2006 and have undertaken a range of roles. Currently I am Vice Chair and acting Chair whilst this position has been vacant during 2020/21. I am also part of the finance committee and one of our nominated safe guarding governors. I started my career in teaching working as a class teacher mainly within Key Stage 2, but more recently moved on to become a Senior Lecturer in Primary Education at Canterbury Christ Church University. During my time here, I have taken on a range of different roles working with Initial Teacher Trainees and alongside other educational settings such as Multi Academy Trusts, Teaching School Alliances and other networks. I have a particular interest in the importance of the Arts within education and society as a whole and this is my particular academic research focus. I also enjoy down time with my family cooking, making and exploring.

STEPHEN SMITH – Co-Opted Governor

I have been a Governor since March 2014, first as a Parent Governor while my two children work their way through the school and onto grammar school, and then as a Co-Opted Governor. For my sins, I have always worked within Finance, working my way up the chain, where I am currently the Director of Commercial Finance and Strategy for an Insurance Group. My main focuses are mergers and acquisitions and efficiency programmes where attention to financial detail is a must. I also used to be a bit of a sport billy, but with age came injuries, so now all I do is the really “aggressive” game of table tennis. With my skill set I have been able to assist the Governing Body in a number of areas, where I plan to continue to do so, adding challenge and support, being the “critical friend” to the Head Teacher and the Management team. I find it very rewarding being part of this Governing team and especially working with the forward thinking Head and Deputy Head

DEAN BAILEY – Parent Governor

It is a privilege to be part of Hawkinge Primary school governing body since I was elected as parent governor by fellow parents in July 2019. I have 3 children, my eldest left HPS in July 2019 and my youngest started in September of the same year. Apart from a busy family life, I play 6-a-side football in a local league, enjoy cycling and try and get out on the golf course when I can. I have worked in management in the retail sector for over 20 years with the last 6 years as a store manager. This background which includes budgeting, monitoring performance and analysing data and health, safety and wellbeing of colleagues and customers assists me in my role of a parent governor.

KIRSTY SMITH – Parent Governor

In July 2019 I put myself forward to become a parent governor as I am in awe of what Hawkinge Primary School are capable of and achieve, which is down to every hard-working member of the school. I am very happy that I now have 2 children at HPS and a third who will follow in a few years. I have had a career in education for over 15 years which started with teacher training as a secondary school PE teacher. This led to taking on roles such as Deputy Manager of Creative Arts and more recently a role as Head of Dance. After this time, I had my third daughter (in lockdown!), and my career took a new path. I now run my own dance company for all children with the aim of having fun and learning new skills. I have a passion for teaching dance and seeing children’s development and growing confidence when new skills are achieved and the sense of pride this brings them. Hawkinge Primary School is a caring school with a creative curriculum which gives all children many

opportunities to feel pride in their work and I know that my children have grown in confidence and independence because they feel safe and happy.

JANET FEATHERSTONE – Co-opted Governor

I am a retired teacher, who taught at Hawkinge Primary for twelve years. I have a long and very happy association with the school - my own children attended the school and now my grandchildren do too. I am very proud to be a governor at such an amazing place, where all the staff are dedicated to encouraging the development of happy, healthy, well-rounded individuals, who can reach their full potential.

DAN QUINN – Parent Governor

I have been a Governor at Hawkinge Primary School (HPS) since October 2020, currently supporting the school with link responsibility for SEND. I have worked in education since 2006, most recently as Vice Principal at a local Secondary School. My leadership experience is varied, including: curriculum, data, examinations, complaints, and safeguarding. My association with HPS started back in 2017 when my eldest son joined Reception. Although he will be leaving very soon (in 2024) to go to Secondary School, my involvement as a parent will continue beyond this point as my youngest son recently joined the school in 2022. It is a privilege to be a part of the Governing Body at HPS, working closely with an exceptional Senior Leadership Team and supporting what is genuinely an *outstanding* school!

BECKY DAWE – Staff Governor

I am a Year 5 and 6 teacher and have worked at Hawkinge Primary School since 2003. I have been staff governor since September 2020. Prior to completing my teacher training I did a degree in International Business Studies and French and was lucky enough to spend some of that time studying and working in France (living in Bordeaux and Lille respectively.) I continue to enjoy languages and love teaching French to my class.