

Hawkinge Primary School

School Governors

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 the Chair of Governors and I am also part of the Finance Committee and one of our nominated Safeguarding 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.

DEAN BAILEY – Parent Governor - Vice Chair

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.

STEPHEN SMITH – Co-Opted Governor

I have been a Governor since March 2014, first as a Parent Governor while my two children worked 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

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.

KERRY SAUNTRY - Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing Body at Hawkinge Primary School at the beginning of this academic year. As a resident in Hawkinge and a Senior Leader at a local Secondary school, I had heard lots of very positive things about the school, so when the opportunity arose to join the team, it was an easy yes. I have worked as a teacher in secondary schools for 23 years and am a qualified SENCO and Assistant Principal but in my free time, I am a huge Take That fan and enjoy spending time by the sea. Working with Hawkinge Primary School is both rewarding and informative and I consider myself very privileged to have this experience.

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.

AIMEE LUCAS – Parent Governor

I am really proud to be a Parent Governor at Hawkinge Primary School and feel privileged that my children get to attend such a welcoming and thoughtful school. I have been a teacher for over 10 years myself where I have been based within different primary schools and mainly in Key Stage 2. I am grateful to have worked with many children, families and colleagues throughout my career. I have particular interests in Mathematics and SEND, which I have undertaken further studies in to ensure that I can continue to develop - I still love learning myself! Within my current role, I support staff through mentoring and am also developing my school's Mathematics curriculum further. Outside of work, I love to cook, decorate and go exploring with my family.

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.