



## Jolesfield C.E. Primary School Governors

There have been some significant changes to the Governing Body in the last year, and with reduced 'face to face' time due to Covid restrictions, we felt it was important to take this opportunity to introduce, or re-introduce in many cases, ourselves to you all, and let you know how we support the school.

### What do we do?

The Governing Body of any school has three official core functions:

- a) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- b) Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- c) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent; and
- d) Ensuring the voices of stakeholders are heard.

In practical terms, this means that we work closely with the senior leadership team, the subject leaders and the support staff to ensure that all four of these elements are working as efficiently as possible, for the best possible experience for the children.

We do this through a number of different activities: meetings, budget and data reviews, learning walks and book looks with staff, talking to the staff, parents and children about their experiences and views. You may see us in classrooms, around the school or in the playground, at staff meetings or school council meetings, or calendar events such as Parents Evenings, Carol Services or Sports Day.



### How do you contact us?

Some of the governors are parents or staff at the school and you will see them in the playground. They are always available should you have any questions.




You can also contact the governors confidentially at the email address below:

[governors@jolesfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:governors@jolesfieldschool.co.uk)

### Who's Who:

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|  | <p><b>Simon Crute – Chair of Governors</b><br/><b>Co-Opted Governor (Sept 2016 – Sept 2024)</b></p> <p>Simon has worked in the leisure industry for over 20 years, with his last role working for drowning prevention charity (RLSS UK) as an External Auditor supporting centres and trainers in the South of the UK who provide lifeguard and first aid training and qualifications. In his spare time he enjoys walking and being with his family. He has one child who attends Jolesfield and a little one at home.</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Lizzie Bailey – Vice Chair of Governors</b><br/><b>Parent Governor (Oct 2017 – Oct 2025)</b></p> <p>Lizzie has one child at Jolesfield, and one who has been through Jolesfield, and a drive to support the school as an essential part of our community. Whilst not shuttling the boys around between school, sports and friends, she works in a primary school in Horsham. Lizzie &amp; family live in Partridge Green and make good use of the Downslink and surrounding countryside for walking, cycling and generally getting the parents, children and dog tired and muddy!</p> |

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|    | <p><b>Vicky Price – Headteacher (Sept 2022 – ongoing)</b></p> <p>Vicky is the headteacher here at Jolesfield school and is therefore part of the Governing body. She has worked in education for 25 years. Vicky's career started initially as an applied behaviour therapist supporting children with autism before qualifying as a teacher and gaining experience in a variety of leadership roles. She lives in Burgess Hill with her family and pets. Vicky enjoys spending as much time as possible outside: hiking, stand-up paddle boarding and camping. Vicky is committed to working with the Governing Body to secure our shared vision of continuous improvement to make Jolesfield C.E. School outstanding in the view of parents/carers, staff, children and the whole community, as well as Ofsted.</p> |
|    | <p><b>Colin Brookes – Staff Governor (Nov 2020 - Nov 2024)</b></p> <p>Colin is the Deputy headteacher at Jolesfield and is also the year 5 and 6 class teacher. Colin changed careers 7 years ago to become a teacher, before that he ran his own IT business in London, working in the film and TV sector. He joined the school in September 2020, having worked at the Vale School in Findon for five years, the last two as Head of Year 5. Colin lives in Shoreham with his wife Melissa and two young daughters. He loves to ride his mountain bike on the South Downs and enjoys playing golf very badly.</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Liz Carey – Co-Opted Governor (July 2009 – Sept 2025)</b></p> <p>Liz joined the Governing Body in 2009. She has four children, all of whom have attended Jolesfield. Liz has worked as a teacher in primary and nursery education but has just retired from her part time job as a Teacher at Jolesfield (although is still happy to provide supply cover!) Her curriculum interests include music, art and English and in her new found spare time enjoys gardening, reading, trips to the theatre and travelling.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Emma Chandler - Parent Governor (Nov 2020 - Nov 2024)</b></p> <p>Emma is a parent governor with two children at Jolesfield. She is a primary school teacher and thoroughly enjoys her job. Emma is very excited to be a parent governor and will enjoy using her teaching expertise to support Jolesfield over the coming years. Emma lives in Partridge Green and enjoys the surroundings of the village. She enjoys walks and bike rides with her family at the weekend.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Emma Greenland - Co-opted Governor (Jan 2019 - Mar 2027)</b></p> <p>Emma is a co-opted governor. She lives in Partridge Green with husband Barny and two sons who both attend Jolesfield. She attended Jolesfield school as a child and moved back so that the family could enjoy the special community that this village offers, with Jolesfield School at its heart. She works as a consultant in the construction sector focusing on school building and classroom design for listening. She has acted as trustee for other charitable organisations.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Reverend Alison Letschka – Ex Officio Foundation Governor (April 2018 – ongoing)</b></p> <p>Alison was licensed Priest in Charge, West Grinstead in April 2018 and lives in Partridge Green. She has been ordained for twelve years, having served in West Sussex and the Diocese of Rochester. She was a foundation governor of a Church of England Primary School in her previous post and enjoys working with the governing body, staff and children at Jolesfield - being a regular visitor for assemblies and other learning opportunities.</p>  |

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|    | <p><b>Norma Nunn – Foundation Governor (Oct 2020 - Oct 2024)</b></p> <p>Norma recently retired from her post as PA to the Senior Consultant at Princess Royal Hospital. Her two younger children both attended Jolesfield although she now lives in Ashington. She currently volunteers (as secretarial support) for a local Charity who offer help and support to families who have been bereaved through suicide and to young adults with mental health issues. She very much enjoys visits into school as well as reading, theatre going, walking, badminton and writing.</p>   |
|    | <p><b>Zoe Doidge - Parent Governor (Feb 2023 - Feb 2027)</b></p> <p>Zoe is an HR professional with 15 years' experience, predominantly in Financial Services. She currently works at the Horsham site of RSA and her role covers other areas such as facilities/building maintenance, security, health and safety and employee wellbeing. She has a daughter in KS1 and a son at Bluebells and is invested in the school and wider community. She has an interest in SEND / neurodivergence and previous experience working in mental health.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Sarah Evans - Parent Governor (Feb 2023 - Feb 2027)</b></p> <p>Sarah has one daughter currently at Jolesfield school and one who has been through the school. She has been a teacher for 17 years and now works as an LSA in a secondary school. Sarah is very interested in the pastoral care and mental wellbeing of children and feels it is a privilege to help provide them with a happy and safe environment in order to help them be their best selves. Sarah and her family have two crazy spaniels, who need lots of walks! She loves to read and spend time catching up with friends and family. Her wish is for every child at Jolesfield to feel safe and secure at school and be able to fulfil their own unique potential, both academically and personally.</p> |
|  | <p><b>New Authority Governor</b></p> <p>We have one vacancy on the Governing Body for an Authority Governor (see definitions below).</p> <p>We are looking for someone from within the community with legal, HR or financial experience, and ideally not a current or future parent of a child at Jolesfield (to provide balance within the Governing Body).</p> <p>If you know of somebody who may be interested in this role, please contact:<br/> <a href="mailto:governors@jolesfieldschool.co.uk">governors@jolesfieldschool.co.uk</a></p>  |

## **Key to Governors:**

**Authority Governors** – Authority Governors are appointed by the Local Authority. They are members of the community who have expressed a desire to serve as a governor of a school; they do not have to have any direct association with the school but they may do so.

**Staff Governors** – There is one Governor from staff; they can be from teaching or support staff. They are a conduit between the staff and the Governing Body. Staff Governors are elected by staff members. The Headteacher can choose to be a Governor or not; Mr Trahern has chosen to be a Governor.

**Foundation Governors** – Foundation Governors are appointed on the recommendation of the Parochial Church Council with the purpose of preserving and developing so far as practicable, the character of the school. Otherwise they share the same duties and responsibilities as the other members of the Governing Body. The Priest in Charge of West Grinstead is appointed as an ex-officio governor by the Diocese (this means whoever holds the position is automatically appointed as a governor).

**Co-Opted Governors** – The Governing Body appoints Co-Opted Governors. Through these appointments, the Governing Body try to ensure a mixture of expertise, knowledge and skills amongst their membership.

**Parent Governors** – Parents of pupils at the school elect Parent Governors. They are Governors in their own right and their interests are not just restricted to matters of concern to parents. They share the same duties and responsibilities as other members of the Governing Body, but their particular function is to ensure that a parental view is expressed in relation to matters under consideration by the Governing Body.