Meet the Governors of Harting C of E Primary School

The Governors of Harting CofE Primary School would like to introduce themselves; giving some insight into who they are, why they are involved in the management and strategic direction of the school, their involvement in Committees and their terms of office.

Chair of Governors and Local Authority Governor – Jeff Ace



I have lived in the Harting and the Petersfield area since 1994 and had been the Local Authority Governor for just over 2 years before becoming Chair in the 2012/13 academic year.

My background is international business and on retiring trained and qualified as a secondary school mathematics teacher (PGCE).

Throughout my business career I encouraged learning at all levels, for self-improvement and the good of the business. This desire for continual education, learning and development I hope I bring to Governorship and to the benefit of the pupils of Harting School.

Head Teacher and Governor (ex Officio) – Fiona Mullett



I have worked at Harting School since 2001. Initially this was a part-time teacher whilst I brought up my own children. I have now worked full-time for many years as a class teacher, SENCO and Deputy before become the Head teacher in 2014.

Prior to teaching, I worked for more than a decade at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, as a physiotherapist, which I loved too. This experience taught me about children's development and their needs, along with the importance of high standards and research.

I remain passionate about doing what is right for children and this motivates me in my work within the school.

Foundation Governor (ex Officio) – The Reverend Mark Morton



I have served as an ex-officio Foundation Governor since my induction as Rector in November 2011. Ordained in 1992, I spent just over 16 years as an Army chaplain, during which time I was closely involved with a number of schools, either as a governor or as a regular visitor.

Prior to theological training, I worked as a senior investment manager with a firm of stockbrokers and, subsequently, I have studied for two post-graduate degrees. I believe that learning should be stimulating and enjoyable, and that every person should be enabled to reach their full potential, both academically and personally. It is important for children to not only become proficient in core subjects, but to receive the encouragement and support necessary for them to grow into well rounded adults.

I am delighted that Harting School has close links to the local churches, and that a broad Christian ethos is at the heart of all it does.

Parent Governor – Jo Mesney



I moved to Harting with my family in 2011 having previously lived in Chertsey and Hampton. I trained as a primary school teacher fourteen years ago and have taught in a number of schools in outer London and Surrey. I am now thoroughly enjoying teaching a mixed age class at a primary school near Chichester. I have always seen the role of teaching as a privilege and I remain passionate about providing children with a broad range of learning opportunities that are both fun and meaningful.
With two children at the school I became a parent Governor at Harting in 2014. I am very interested in playing a part in the continual development of the school and am keen to support the staff and children in any way I am able.
I enjoy walking our dog on the Downs, horse riding and spending time outdoors with the children. I am also interested in travel, particularly when there is guaranteed sunshine.

Parent Governor – Dr Fiona Heaton



Many of you will know me as Lucy & Oliver's Mummy. It gives me enormous pleasure to be able to represent the parents as a Governor.

Chris & I moved to Harting in 2007 from the Scottish Borders, within weeks of the move I found out I was pregnant. In 2008 Lucy Mai arrived, followed by Oliver in 2010.

Lucy & Oliver are both incredibly happy at Harting School. I feel passionate about the school and the wider school family.

As a GP I have worked in many of the towns and villages surrounding Petersfield before taking up a salaried post in Portsmouth in 2011. I qualified from Cambridge University in 2002 having studied undergraduate medicine at the University of St. Andrews.

As a family we enjoy walks on the Downs. Over the last two years we have spent our holidays in Port Isaac in North Cornwall enjoying cliff walks and surfing.

Co-opted Governor – Ciani Foulkes



Having lived in South Harting since 2004, I have grown to appreciate not only the natural beauty of its South Downs setting, but especially the strong sense of community, particularly where the children of the village are concerned.

I am originally from Romania. I relocated to the UK at the age of 18, completed a Business Studies degree and the professional Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) qualification.

Until my two children enrolled at the school in 2010 and 2012 respectively, I had little knowledge of the British primary level education system. I gradually became more and more involved with the school, from taking on the role of Treasurer for the PTFA to volunteering to listen to children read to agreeing to chair the Parents' Association in September 2013. The year as chair of the PTFA proved most rewarding and I was thrilled when offered the chance to become a Governor, thus ensuring my long term involvement with the school.

I hope my accountancy skills will benefit the administrative side of the governing body, while my passion for education, sport and technology will prove useful to the children of Harting School.

Co-opted Governor – Sally Goodman



My association with Harting goes back to December 1999 when we moved to the village and our eldest daughter started in year one. It was while our twin daughters were in their reception year that I started working as a teaching assistant in Rother class. After many happy years at school I have recently given up work and am delighted to become a Co-opted Governor. During my time at school I was encouraged to further my professional development and become a higher level teaching assistant and learning mentor. I hope that the experience which I have gained will be useful in my role as a Governor.

I originally started my working life as a medical secretary and worked in London hospitals before I decided I wanted a change from commuting. I then worked for P&O Cruises; working as a hotel officer on board cruise ships and was lucky enough to travel all over the world and get paid for it! I subsequently took up shore based positions in fleet management and personnel and stayed with the company until our first daughter was born.

From both working at school and as a parent, I have a passionate interest in education. Not surprisingly, having spent so many years in Rother, I feel particularly passionate about creating a secure and happy environment in which children can build the early foundation of their lifelong learning. As a Governor, I look forward to being involved in the future development of the school and supporting the staff and children in whatever way I can.

Foundation Governor – Jane Thwaites



I moved to Elsted with my husband in 2012, after over 20 years living up the road, in Surrey. We love living here and are delighted to be part of the community.

I trained as a nurse back in the 1970s, then qualified as a Midwife and stayed working in that profession for over 20 years, finishing up as a supervisor and manager.

In 2000 I moved into community health, managing a variety of services across West Surrey such as district nursing, Health Visiting, school nursing and prison health care, among others. From 2006 until I retired in March 2015 I worked exclusively in Children's Community Health services across Surrey, which included management responsibility for the Community Paediatricians, children's Audiology, children's community nurses, special school nurses and the children's therapists (occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy).

All this has given me a keen interest in education and a desire to contribute to the development of our local school, particularly in terms of Christian values.

I appreciate I have a great deal to learn but I hope some of my management skills and knowledge of special needs will assist the Governing body.

We have two daughters both in their 30s and our first grandson was born in May 2015.

Parent Governor – Vida Stewart



With an entire career revolving around education in one form or another, I initially qualified as a speech and language therapist and specialised in working with children with moderate learning difficulties in schools in the Chichester area. I subsequently ran an international consultancy and training business with my husband Neil, which took us to western Africa for a year or so where I worked as principal of a new business college. Since we returned to the UK, my roles have included international manager for an awarding body, and I am currently deputy CEO of another awarding body with a strong ethos to support disadvantaged or disenfranchised learners and encourage their return to learning and work. Additionally I am an elected director on the board of the Federation of Awarding Bodies.

I believe very strongly that children should be safe and happy at primary school, which should be a wholly positive experience to start them off on a road of, and give them a love and hunger for, lifelong learning.

Our son Fraser transferred to Harting School in 2015 from another local school, and we were overwhelmed by the school's happy, positive atmosphere and the staffs' supportive approach. We also moved into the village in November 2016, and I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to use my knowledge and skills to support the school and the whole school family, as a parent governor.

Staff Governor – Ros Stamper



I have been teaching on and off for 25 years and in that time have taught in Hampshire, Scotland, Belgium and now West Sussex. I have taught throughout the Primary age range but my passion is early years, so I feel very lucky to be the part time reception teacher at Harting. I studied for and gained a MA in early years Education in 2016 and then trained as a level 3 Forest school leader the following year. Both qualifications allowed me to deepen my thinking about how children learn and how to motivate them which I feel is key to success.
I have 3 children of my own, my older two at TPS and my youngest is in Year 6 at Harting. He has thrived since joining the school in Y 4 where a culture of hard work and effort are fostered and praised. Having a double role as a teacher and parent, will I hope, help me as a governor to give insight and thought to our decision making.

I am originally from Harting and finally moved back here about 12 years ago. I have 5 children, 3 who have now left Harting, 1 in Reception and 1 who will start school in a few years time. When my smallest boy leaves Harting, I have worked out it will be 2028, meaning I will have been part of the School for 22 years!



This sounds like an awfully long time, which it is, but importantly I think it means I have good insight, experience and a deep understanding of the School.

My family are my absolute priority, but I have a creative background and work as an interior styling consultant.

I feel we are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful School in the village, and I would now like to give something back by supporting Harting School as much as I can as a Parent Governor.

GOVERNING BODY OF HARTING CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Reconstituted 1 July 2013
The Governing Body consists of 11 members and operates with 3 committees

Full name of Governor	Governor Category	Date of current Appointment or Election	Source of Appointment (where appropriate)	Term of office/Roles within GB	Attendance at full GB Meetings*	Committee membership	Attendance at committee meetings*	Declarations on register of business & pecuniary interest	Remarks
Jeffrey Rhys Ace	Local Authority	4 May 2017	Local Authority	3 May 2021 Chair of Governors.	All	Chair of Curriculum Committee. Member of Personnel and Resources Committees	All - with 1 agreed absence from Resources and Personnel	None	
Ciani Foulkes	Co-Opted Community	1 September 2015	School Governors	31 August 2019	All	Chair of Resources Committee. Member of Curriculum Committee	All	None	
Fiona Heaton	Parent	12 December 2014	Parent Election	11 December 2018	All	Chair of Personnel Committee	All	None	
Sheena Hulme	Parent	10 October 2016	Parent Election	October 2020	All – with 2 agreed absences	Member of Resources Committee	All	None	
Jane Ali (ne Maybury)	Staff	11 November 2016	Staff	10 November 2020	All	Member of Curriculum Committee	All – with 2 agreed absences	None	On Maternity Leave.
Joanne Mesney	Parent	20 July 2014	Parent Election	19 July 2018	All	Member of Personnel Committee	All	None	

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Mark Morton	Foundation (ex Officio)	29 November 2011	Ex-Officio – Diocese of Chichester	N/A	All - with 1 agreed absence	Member of Personnel Committee	All – with 1 agreed absence	None	
Fiona Mullett	Staff (Head)	1 September 2014	Staff	N/A	All	Member of Curriculum, Personnel and Resources Committees	All	None	
Jane Thwaites	Co-opted Governor changed to Foundation Governor	12 November 2015 5 October 2016	School Governors Diocese of Chichester	November 2019 4 October 2020	All	Member of Curriculum Committee	All	None	
Vida Stewart	Parent Governor	28 September 2016	Parent Election	27 September 2020	All	Member of Curriculum and Resources Committee	All	None	
Maria Le Mesurier	Parent Governor	April 2018	Parent Election	April 2022	N/A	TBD	N/A	None	

***Attendance during previous academic year to 31/8/2017**