

Meet the Hardwick Primary School Governors

Our current Governors are as listed below:

Mr Robert (Bob) Heavisides (MA; MSc; Dip FM; Cert Ed)



Position on the governing body: Chair – Local Authority

I was born and educated in the North East of England and have lived in Bury St Edmunds since 1984 with my wife and daughter. I am a local authority appointed governor and have been Chair of Governors at Hardwick Primary School since 1989 and was also Chair at Hardwick Middle School for 4 years. My term of office is 4 years.

I worked within the NHS for almost 40 years, mostly within the acute hospital sector at Northampton, Leeds, Grimsby, West Suffolk and Milton Keynes Hospitals. I also spent some time in London working for the Department of Health. Within the NHS I worked as a senior director, specialising in the Hospital Estate and Support Services and before I retired in 2010, I was Deputy Chief Executive and then Acting Chief Executive at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

I have always been committed to education and professional development, and I have been awarded a Masters degree, a Postgraduate Diploma in adult education and an MSc with distinction. I also lecture on Master Planning on the MSc/Pg Dip course, 'Planning Buildings for Health' at the London South Bank University and I am a Senior Research Fellow at the University.

I am Chair of the Finance and Premises Committee and Performance and Standards Committee. I also sit on the Curriculum Committee. I am the governor responsible for PE, Health and Safety and Assessment.

I meet with the Headteacher regularly to discuss school issues and to keep abreast of any developments. I also ensure the governors keep up to date with their training.

Mr Andy Abbott



Position on the governing body: Vice Chair - Co-opted Governor

I worked for 34 years for media group Archant and was a senior manager and head of photography. Now I'm a freelance photographer in business with my wife Suzy. We both take a lot of photographs for the school at various events so you'll always see me around!

I chair the Curriculum Committee and sit on the Personnel Committee and the Performance and Standards Committee. I'm the Safeguarding Governor and I represent the governing body on the interview panel when recruiting staff. I also attend and assist on the Year 6

residential visit. I am the governor responsible for English, Programming, Equalities, Safeguarding and school promotion and publicity.

I was elected initially as a Parent Governor in June 2009 and now I am a co-opted governor. My current term of office runs from June 2015 and is 4 years. I am passionate about the school, it's qualities and community spirit. My three elder children started their full time education at the school, Tim, went on to King Edward VI Upper School, became head boy and then went on to graduate with a law degree at Reading University. My daughter Katie followed in his footsteps at KEUS, was head girl and has now graduated from Bristol University. Billy hugely enjoyed his time at Hardwick and my fourth Abbott, Archie is loving life in at the school. The success of my children is down to the fantastic education they received at Hardwick Primary School and is the reason why I am very keen to be involved in any way I can.

Mr Simon Rudd



Position on the governing body: Co-opted Governor

I joined the governing body in March 2016 as a co-opted governor and my term of office is 4 years. Prior to this I was an elected parent governor. I'm very proud to be a governor at Hardwick Primary. I hope to make a positive difference to the school. I sit on the Finance and Premises Committee, the Personnel committee and the Performance and Standards Committee. I am the governor responsible for Maths and Science.

I am married and a father to 4 girls, Emily is at secondary school and Isabella, Rebecca and Olivia are all at Hardwick Primary.

Having spent many years in the hospitality industry working in 4 and 5 stars hotels I settled in Bury St Edmunds 14 years ago. I am now the national accounts controller for a food purchasing and management consultancy. I am lucky enough to work from an office in my back garden for most of the week, although I travel when needed all over the country.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my girls and try to fit in as much photography and cooking as I can. As a family we enjoy camping and I am trying to get the girls excited about motorsport!

As I am completely outnumbered at home, I am happily resigned to a life of pink, make up and jewellery. I can now make a hair bun suitable for ballet and am learning the intricacies of a French plait!

Mrs Christine Glancy



Position on the governing body: Co-opted Governor

I joined the governing body in March 2016 as a co-opted governor and my term of office is 4 years. Before this I was an elected parent governor. My daughter, Aimee went through the school and is now in Year 7. I live locally with my husband and some of you may know me from running the after school dance club.

I have a background in banking and finance management but I have recently been able to use my dancing qualifications to set up my own dancing school, "Dancing Stars", where I specialise in teaching dance to nursery and primary school age children.

I sit on the Performance and Standards Committee and the Finance and Premises Committee. I am the governor responsible for French and Music. I really enjoy helping support the school in this role.

Please feel free to speak to me with any queries you may have.

Mrs Alison Burgess

Position on the governing body: Co-opted Governor

I am a co-opted governor and I joined the governing body in June 2016. My term of office is 4 years. This is the second time I have been a governor of Hardwick Primary, having stood a few years ago. Most of you will know me from my work with Southgate Community Church and I'm very proud to be a governor at Hardwick Primary. I know many of the families on the estate and we have a strong link with the school. I am the Safeguarding governor and I sit on the Curriculum, Personnel and Performance and Standards committees.

Mr Alan Swain

Position on the governing body: Parent Governor

I was elected as a Parent Governor by the parents/carers of the school in March 2017 and my term of office is 4 years. I'm very proud to be a governor at Hardwick Primary. My son, Oliver is now at secondary school and Erin is in Year 4. I'm very passionate about making a difference to the lives and opportunities of the children at Hardwick, which is why I decided to become a school governor. I sit on the following committees: Curriculum, Personnel and Performance and Standards.

Miss Lisa Moore

Position on the governing body: Parent Governor

I was elected as a Parent Governor by the parents/carers of the school in March 2017 and my term of office is 4 years. My son Callum, is in Year 5 and I decided to become a governor as I too wanted to make a difference and play a part in the education of the children at Hardwick. I sit on the following committees: Finance & Premises, Curriculum, Personnel and Performance and Standards.

Mr Nicholas Shore



Position on the governing body: Staff Governor

I am the elected staff representative at Hardwick Primary School. I joined the school in September 2017 and I teach in Years 3 and 4. I was elected in March 2018 and my term of office is 4 years. I sit on the following committees: Finance & Premises, Curriculum and Performance and Standards.

Mr Daryl Jones



Position on the governing body: Headteacher

As the Headteacher of Hardwick Primary I sit on all the governing body committees and it is my responsibility to keep the governors informed and ensure they have up to date information about the school. This includes school performance data, school development plans, school self-evaluation documents and any other information on school performance and standards.

I work very closely with the governing body and they act as my 'critical friend' holding myself and the school to account for its performance and the education we provide the children.

I have been the Headteacher at Hardwick Primary since September 2011 and have seen many changes over that time, in particular, taking the school from a first school to the full primary school it is today.

Vacancy 1 – Position on the governing body: Co-opted Governor

Vacancy 2 – Position on the governing body: Co-opted Governor