

**Lynn Whitaker (Chair of Governors and Pay Committee)**

I have lived in Hamble since 2000 with my husband Jon and our very pampered cat Charlie. Whilst we don't have any children of our own, we have been very privileged to be a large part of our many nieces and nephews' lives and have played a key role in their growing up and development. I have been on the Governing Body of Hamble Primary School since 2020 and have been the Chair of Governors for 3 years. It is a role I greatly enjoy and, whilst it can be very busy and challenging at times, it is also enormously fulfilling particularly when I see the progress that the school has made and how this is benefitting the children.



I have worked in a Senior Leadership role in HR and Payroll, mainly in the public sector for all my career and this has stood me in good stead for the duties and responsibilities of being the Chair of Governors. In what little spare time I have I belong to a local community choir and a book club and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

**Christian Walton (Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Head Teacher Performance Management Committee, and Recruitment & Induction Governor)**

I moved to Hamble in October 2018 with my wife Jennifer and our cat. Prior to moving to Hamble, we lived in Maidenhead, and in Zurich, Switzerland, where I ran a global learning & development function for a major global organisation. We feel very privileged to be able to live in such a wonderful place and I felt it was important to give back to the community. I have previously volunteered in secondary schools

through Mosaic Mentoring and have seen what a difference it makes to children's education, hence my desire to volunteer as a Governor. I have been a Governor since March 2019 and I am currently the Vice-Chair of Governors, as well as being the lead Governor for Finance and Head Teacher Performance Management. I have previously been the Health & Safety link Governor, a role that I recently handed over to one of our newly recruited Governors, who started in January 2022. Being a Governor takes a monthly commitment, as well as school visits and "homework" in order to be an effective member of the school's leadership team – it is a very rewarding experience to see how the wonderful children at the school develop and grow. In my spare time I enjoy sailing and DIY and also volunteer as skipper and crew for Wet Wheels Hamble, and until May 2022 I crewed for the Hamble lifeboat.

**Claire Hewitt (Headteacher)**

I was delighted to be appointed as Headteacher after my 5 years here as Deputy Head and am enjoying working with the governing body to continue to ensure our children get a fulfilling and successful educational experience during their time at Hamble Primary. I live locally and have 2 school-age children which I think helps me think 'like a parent' at times too when making decisions about the school. I still enjoy teaching, though opportunities are fewer now, and I think it's important to remember what it is like being in the classroom when supporting staff. I am committed to making the school a prominent feature of our local community and a place that all children and parents are proud to be part of.

**Chris Clark** (Link Governor for Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Headteacher Performance Committee)

We have lived in Hamble since 2004, and both our children attended Hamble Secondary School. Carol and I have been married for 44 years this year and are both looking forward to retirement. When the opportunity to be a School Governor arose last year, I did not hesitate to put my name forward. It just seemed the right thing to do and support a school which belongs to our village. I am looking forward to working with the team, ensuring we give each other support, and putting the pupils at the forefront of everything we do.



I am aware it's completely different challenge to what I have been used to in my professional life, but I have always envisaged doing something worthwhile like this, when I retire. I have always kept myself active and I don't see retirement as "putting my feet up". Far from it. In what spare time I do have, I am an avid DIY enthusiast and also enjoy gardening and keeping fit.

**Natalie Emmett-Callaghan (Link Governor for Maths)** Photo to follow

I have lived in Southampton since 2005, after my father (and the RAF) had taken me around the world. My early teaching career had brought me on a new adventure to the South coast and I now live in Bitterne Park with my husband, two boys and our dog, Maverick. We love to now travel together, either to spend time with our wider family who live all across the UK, or to tick off another 'Bridge' as part of an unconventional jaunt!

I proudly work at The Hamble School as a Progress Leader, alongside teaching Design & Technology and Engineering. In doing so, I have had the honour of teaching Hamble Primary school students in their secondary learning journeys and in turn, help to propel their futures. To then have the opportunity to become a Governor for our main feeder school also, I knew I could learn more about the incredible journey all our students embark upon and how I could play a pivotal role in ensuring that every child has the best learning experience and an embedded passion for lifelong learning. In my role as a governor, I hope to utilise my educational skills and experience to ensure that all school teams, students and their families continue to thrive and be proud to be part of Hamble Primary School.



**Claire Hall (Staff Governor and Link Governor for Development & Training)**

I have been a teacher at Hamble Primary School since 2020 and have loved every minute. I began my teaching career in Southampton where I was lucky enough to have taught across various year groups including year 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Over my teaching career I have developed my practice and understanding of education and love being a learning leader here at Hamble Primary School. I currently lead phonics and early reading and have a passion for getting children of all ages to develop a love of reading. I have always found Hamble to be a brilliant school community in which the children always come first. I am looking forward to helping Hamble Primary School develop and improve even further.

### **Andy Howells (English Link Governor)**

I am from South Wales originally and first moved to the Southampton area in 2003 to attend Southampton Solent University. I've lived in various places since, including the Czech Republic and Sweden, and have been settled in Hamble since 2013, where I live with my wife and two young children. My eldest attends Hamble Primary School, we would like my youngest to attend when he is old enough, and it's a pleasure to be able to serve as a Parent Governor. My wife and I managed to make national news in the first UK lockdown, after I somehow delivered our youngest son myself; my wife giving birth in our car in a supermarket car park near to the Princess Anne Hospital!

As well as volunteering on the Board of Governors, I work as the Assistant Director for External Affairs at Universities UK International, a sector body representing more than 140 UK universities and their interests overseas, leading their campaigns, communications and events activities.



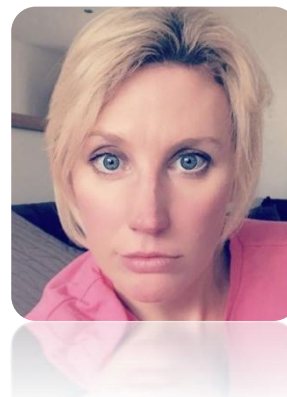
### **Barbara Mitchell (Co-opted Governor)**



My husband and I lived in Hamble for nearly twenty years but spent a lot of time in France and Spain where we indulged our passions for boating and skiing. Like many people of a certain age we retired to Hamble to go sailing and although no longer able to pursue such an active pursuit I still love living in Hamble, a very special village. My entire career was spent in primary school teaching in North London and Hertfordshire. I was the deputy head of a small primary school for several years and during that time I also studied for, and gained, a diploma in teaching children with Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia). I am pleased to have the opportunity of becoming a school governor and I hope that despite being as my son describes me “no spring chicken” I may be able to share some of my experience for the benefit of the school.

### **Kirsty Taylor (Local Authority Governor)**

I have lived in Hamble for 17 years with my husband, Jonathan. I am currently not working to support my husbands' professional sailing career and to raise our two sons who are at Senior school, I therefore, understand and appreciate the importance of a solid foundation required in the early years of learning and have first-hand experience of the professionalism the staff have and the drive to perform at the highest levels. I have experience working in a team environment with a working background in Events and Logistics. Over the years, I have been heavily involved in Community activities, including fundraising and volunteering, I am very keen to get onboard with the ongoing development of our great village school and to help support the staff. In my spare time I enjoy racket sports and on water activities.



**Annie Yuratich (Co-opted Governor)**

I have lived in Hamble for over thirty years, where my three children attended local schools. I recently retired from a long and diverse nursing career, working within both general and psychiatric settings. My last position was Nurse Practitioner and Prescriber for a busy Southampton doctors' surgery. A positive school experience makes a huge difference towards children achieving their full potential and I hope to do my part in supporting the school staff and community in this. I am especially interested in the provision of education for those with special needs.

