



Meet the Governors at Brickhill Primary School



Jim Williams is an Associate Governor and has been part of the Governing Body for 8 years. He is involved in the Finance, Personnel and Premises aspects of the school. He is retired and has lived in Brickhill for almost 30 years. "I believe that supporting every young person to ensure that they reach their full potential is an essential part of our community responsibility. Our two grown up daughters both attended Brickhill Primary School and have many close friends which they first met at school".



Jo Hawkins is a local resident and mum to 3 children, who have all attended/are attending Brickhill Primary school; "I am committed to the provision of outstanding primary education for all children in the local area. I trained initially in Law and then went on to work as a Chartered Accountant for nearly 20 years (formerly in the City of London, now locally) while also being involved in many projects and hobbies within the local community, from music/arts festivals to church children's work and boys & girls brigade. I am very happy to use my skills to support the school wherever possible".



Anita Hakon is a Co-opted Governor. She has been on the governing body of Brickhill Primary School for 9 years. During that time she has been Chair of the Welfare and Standards Committee and continues to serve on this committee together with The Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee. She joined the governing body to be more involved with how the school operated and to give some time back to the school where her children had first started their journey through education. "I am most passionate about teaching children to read, but enjoy all aspects of school life".



Sarah Elam (Chair) has 20 years' experience in education marketing, PR and event management. She currently works for a local charity but has worked in various independent schools and for a University International Office. She's been a governor at Brickhill Primary since 2009 holding a number of roles including Vice Chair and she Chaired the Transition to Academy/Primary Sub-committee. She has a daughter in year 4 and her 11 year old son also attended the school. "I joined Governors because I'm passionate about ensuring our children are taught in the best possible learning environment. I've enjoyed seeing the school go from strength to strength and I'm excited about the challenges ahead."



Mandy Alison (Vice Chair) Mandy Alison (Vice Chair) is an experienced communications and marketing professional with 24 years' experience in the finance sector and more recently in the education sector, working for a major boarding and day school. She has been a parent governor since July 2014 and held the position of Chair of Governors for two years. Mandy is currently leading the school through the process of becoming an Academy, as part of a Multi Academy Trust with Goldington Academy - an exciting new chapter for the school which will see pupils benefit from an enriched learning environment. Mandy is married with three girls; two have gone through Brickhill, and one is of preschool age.



Giles Rigarlsford has been a school governor since October 2013 and is currently Chair of the Welfare and Standards Committee. Both of his daughters have attended/are attending the school. As an environmental sustainability scientist working for a multinational company he appreciates the need for being able to look at the detail as well as the bigger picture. He aims to bring this thinking into the role, to ensure that the every child in the school can progress and achieve to their ability.



Katherine Shirley has been a Parent Governor at the school since 2010. She has two children, an eleven year old daughter, who formerly attended Brickhill, and a seven year old son, currently in year three. Katherine is a chartered human resources professional and is currently the HR Manager at Churchill College, part of the University of Cambridge. Katherine sits on the Curriculum, Standards and Welfare committee and is Vice-Chair of the Transition Committee, which has been overseeing the school's journey from a Lower to a Primary school and the potential move to academy status. "The role of governor is one I have found both interesting and rewarding. It is a privilege to be involved the life of the school and to contribute to ensuring that our children enjoy the best possible educational experience."



Simon Morrall has 15 years' experience in financial management in the construction industry, and is part of the Financial, Premises and Personnel committee. His daughter previously attended Brickhill. "Although my daughter is no longer at Brickhill, I have been extremely impressed by the school, its staff and governors. I have lived in and around Bedford all my life. The changes that the area's schools are currently going through are challenging, and I hope that my work experience will help Brickhill as it transitions to Primary and beyond."



Dan Veal is now entering his third year at Brickhill Primary and has joined the Governing Body to develop a greater understanding of how a school operates. Before Teacher Training he studied BA (Hons) Education Studies here in Bedford gathering knowledge of the education system from Ancient Greece to the Present Day. During his years of study he volunteered in various educational settings working with students ranging from 3 to 16 years old. He is currently a Year One teacher but has organised clubs across the school (Minecraft with KS2, Cookery with KS1).



Tolu Osulya has two children, a nine year old son in Year five and an eight year old daughter in year four. Both children joined Brickhill Primary School May 2017. She is currently working as a Community Support Worker for an Independent Charity organisation based in Bedford. "I believe in partnership working and transparency, putting our children at the very center of every decision, will enable each child to flourish both personally and academically." Her experience in the Family Support Team, during which she had direct work with children and young people, and worked with parents in a non-judgmental approach, enhanced positive outcomes for families.



Greg Jeffreys is founder director of local family-owned Visual Displays Limited, a specialist audiovisual company, who also consults, writes and teaches internationally on his academic specialisms of projection and lighting. He sat on the board of InfoComm International (now Avixa) the \$70M global trade and education body for the audiovisual industry from 2008 to 2013, serving as Secretary Treasurer in 2010 with governance responsibility for finances, and as President in 2012. Greg sits on the InfoComm IAPL board, which runs InfoComm's international exhibitions, attending board meetings in Mumbai and Beijing. He volunteers as writer and moderator of ANSI quality standards.