

Governor Information - Dr Simon Aulton



Governor Type:

Co-opted

Committees:

Chair of Governors; Curriculum & Healthy & Eco; Personnel, Health & Safety

Year of joining Governing Body:

2012

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

I joined the governing body in 2012 when both of my children were at Cheddington school. I became chair in 2015.

Professionally I run an international charity and think-tank specialising in youth, justice and equalities, which puts me in contact with some of the latest developing educational programmes across Europe. Some of these I have been able to bring to in to Cheddington school to enable us to participate in cutting edge developments.

I have also worked for a national charity advising on development and governance. Prior to that I studied for a Ph.D. in chemistry.

I also sit as a director on one of the City of London charities.

Governor Information - Martyn Dolbear



Governor Type:

Community

Committees:

Joint Vice Chair; Personnel, Health & Safety; Marketing and Communications (Chair); School Development Fund

Linked subject:

Geography; History

Year of joining Governing Body:

2014

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

In 2014, after 30 years in the print industry, I decided to implement a change in my work/life balance and am now a self-employed pest controller.

My sales and marketing experience in the commercial sector gave me an insight into most forms of corporate communication including PR, social media campaigns, design and brand management.

I feel this experience allows me to bring skills to the governing body that can improve school communications with all stakeholders.

Wherever possible, I try to attend school trips and visits, as it is a great reminder of what a good school Cheddington is and how much of a credit the children are to the school.

Governor Information - Kirsten Hutton



Governor Type: Co-opted

Committees: Joint Vice Chair; Curriculum & Healthy Eco (Vice-Chair); Personnel, Health & Safety; Equity Group (Chair)

Linked subjects:

English; French

Year of joining Governing Body:

2016

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

I became a parent Governor in 2016 when both of my children attended the school, my daughter has now moved on to secondary school. I was then co-opted on 2020 to remain a Governor.

I have worked in arts education for over 20 years, including being a secondary school teacher, and working in the theatre. As a freelance consultant I work with a variety of education settings and arts providers. At the moment I am working with a nearby local authority to support its schools and arts organisations to develop a cultural education partnership.

I am also a non-Executive Director of a London based arts organisation, and sit on an advisory group for a Watford based charity that aims to reduce loneliness in older people.

I enjoy being part of the Governor's team and being able to give some support to the school.

Governor Information - Edward Charlish



Governor Type:

Co-opted

Committees:

Curriculum & Healthy Eco (Chair); Personnel, Health & Safety

Linked subject:

Science; Sustainability

Year of joining Governing Body:

2020

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

My family live in Crafton, just outside Mentmore, and have done for the last 5 years. I have one son who currently attends Cheddington and another who will hopefully attend when he is old enough.

I am a civil engineer by background and have spent the last 15 years in management consulting advising organisations on how to improve their businesses and deliver transformational programmes of work. I am currently on the Executive Committee for Moorhouse Consulting where I lead the Energy & Utilities sector. In my spare time I enjoy travelling (when it's possible!), running and pretty much every sport.

I volunteered as I wanted to give something back to the local community, where I can put my knowledge and experience to good use and hopefully make a difference.

Governor Information - Alison Hamper



Governor Type:

Staff Governor

Committees:

Finance

Linked subject:

N/A

Year of commencement of term:

2014

Declaration of interests:

Member of Staff

About me:

I work at the school as the School Business Manager.

Governor Information - Lucy Kirkland



Governor Type:

Parent

Committees:

Personnel, Health & Safety; Curriculum, Healthy & Eco, Marketing (Vice Chair)

Linked subject:

PHSE, SMSC

Year of joining Governing Body:

2020

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

I live in neighbouring village Gubblecote and hope to have all three daughters experience Cheddington School (my eldest is already a member of the school).

I have 18 years' experience in Marketing, Advertising, Branding and Digital Transformation, across both start-ups and blue-chip corporations. I am looking forward to contributing my learned strategic expertise to the school.

My absolute passion is the mental wellness of children; behavioural psychology and understanding the impact our childhood experiences have on our adult lives. In 2021 I planned to undergo a complete career change where this passion is put front and centre of my working life.

Governor Information - Andrew Krauss



Governor Type:

Co-opted

Committees:

Curriculum & Healthy Eco; Finance

Linked subject:

EYFS; RE

Year of joining Governing Body:

2020

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

I arrived in Cheddington in December 2019 as an interim incumbent for St Giles and my very first service was the School Christmas Service, which was a good introduction to the community. I was delighted to have the opportunity to be co-opted as a Governor and will, as it turns out, now be staying longer in the area than the initial interim period.

I look forward to offering whatever I can to support the life of the school and all involved in it. I have encountered a wide variety of educational walks of life in my time, including schools, universities, a period as a university chaplain and the demands of a part-time, long-distance doctorate. I hope that this educational background will enable me to engage fully with my role as a governor.

My original degree was in physics, and one of my favourite modules was on climate physics, so I was especially glad to be placed on the Eco Committee!

Governor Information - Emma Poulson



Governor Type:

Parent

Committees:

Finance (Chair); Personnel, Health & Safety (Vice Chair); Development Fund.

Linked subjects:

Art; DT; Music

Year of joining Governing Body:

2020

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

My family and I have lived in Cheddington for over 5 years now, two of my children currently attend Cheddington Combined School as my eldest child has now moved on to secondary school.

I volunteered as I wanted to give my support to the school and help it to flourish.

I was a qualified Financial Advisor with over 20 years' experience, in investing and advising clients where to put their money and the tax implications of this. I then had a career break to look after my family at home. I have always worked in the Banking World so I have a good insight on how different businesses are run. I feel I can therefore provide some assistance in matters where needed.

Governor Information - Kathryn Tamlyn



Governor Type:

Head Teacher

Committees:

As the Head of the school I sit on all committees.

Year of joining Governing Body:

Since appointment in January 2010

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

I am the Head Teacher of the school – a position I feel privileged to hold.

Governor Information – Fergal Tierney



Governor Type: Co-opted

Committees: Personnel/Health and Safety

Linked subjects: SEN, PP, Equality and Diversity

Year of joining Governing Body:

2021

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

My name is Fergal Tierney. My primary role is leading a team of 8 people underwriting Credit Risk in the City for a Belgium Company.

I have lived in Pitstone for 17 years & I have 3 children. My daughter is in her second year of University, my son is in 6th form & also attended Cheddington School & my youngest child currently attends Cheddington School.

I am involved in the local community as both a qualified football coach & referee & I also serve on the Committee of Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club.

My main motivation as Governor is to support the school in maintaining its high standards & continuing to be a positive environment for children to learn.

Governor Information – Mike Watson



Governor Type: Co-opted

Committees: Finance, Marketing

Linked areas:

Data protection; Educational Visits

Year of joining Governing Body:

2021

Declaration of interests:

None

About me:

Having lived in Tring for many years, we moved to Cheddington in 2007 and I retired in 2018. For most of my career, I worked in various financial roles with a telecommunications company in the UK and the Caribbean and latterly with a company in Pitstone.

Since retiring I have become a trustee with the Town Lands Trust, act as an independent reviewer of the Financial Accounts for three local charities and a member of the Cheddington History Society committee.

The role of governor will provide me with new challenges and in return I would hope to provide additional finance expertise.

Governor Information - Rebecca White



Governor Type:

Co-opted

Committees:

Curriculum & Healthy Eco

Linked subject:

N/A

Year of joining Governing Body:

2017

Declaration of interests:

Member of Staff

About me:

After spending some time working in the entertainment/retail industry I decided to study for a BSc in Psychology, as this has always been a passion of mine. Upon graduating I worked for some time in a clinical setting within the NHS before starting my family.

Being able to watch my own children grow and learn, gave me the impetus to train as a teacher. I have found teaching to be highly rewarding and am thrilled to be a part of the Governing Body to support Cheddington Combined School to provide high quality education to the children who attend.