

HADLEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHIES, DATES OF OFFICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Jo Lee (Co-opted Governor– 24/02/2015-23/02/2023)

Chair of Governors on Staffing Committee and Finance Committee. Responsible for Member Governor Forum

I originally became a parent governor in November 2013 and was re-elected as a co-opted governor when the Governing Body was reconstituted in February 2015. I have also been the Vice-Chair of Governors since September 2014. I am the parent of four boys, including one at Hadley Wood School, two in secondary school and one at university, and so fully understand the importance of an all-round primary school education and its role in preparing children for the transitions ahead. In my career, I have led organisations through strategic change in both the energy and charity sectors, and I am currently leading a major change programme at the Royal Voluntary Service. I therefore bring organisational growth, planning, and people development skills from my professional background, alongside my drive and experience as a parent, to my role on the Governing Body.

Guy Cecil (Parent Governor – 17/12/2015-16/12/2019)

Vice Chair of Governors - Chair of Finance Committee and on Premises Committee. Responsible for Environment and Premises, Training and Development and Member Governor Forum

Having had two children pass all the way through Hadley Wood School, and still with Matilda in year 4, I have been involved with the school for over nine years and will remain involved for some time to come. I was elected as a parent governor in 2015 and since then have been involved with the Finance Committee and Premises Committee, as well as becoming the lead governor for IT (which is my day job). Some of you may know me through my work as the Friends of Hadley Wood School treasurer, a position I held for five years, and one that gave me a thorough understanding of the intricacies and unique difficulties concerning the funding of our school, as well as the relationship between the parents, the school and the Governors. I am still involved with the Friends, contributing in a small way to their fantastic fundraising efforts. As a magistrate I work in the community in North London and am also treasurer of our local scout group.

Karen Fernandes (Co-opted Governor -24/02/2015-23/02/2023)

Chair of Curriculum Committee on Staffing Committee and Finance Committee. Responsible for Inclusion, , Early Years

I have been a school governor at Hadley Wood since January 2006. My previous working background was in fund administration in the City, which also involved team management - hence the school committees that I chair. I relish the opportunity to make a difference, to help others and to learn a bit myself. I am a Local Leader of Governance for Enfield and I am also Chair of Governors for Eastfield Primary School. In these roles, I have therefore worked with other local schools and my knowledge of education has greatly increased; helping me to share good practice with and from other schools. In an increasingly changing education environment, I feel this is best where I can contribute to Hadley Wood School Governing Body to meet these new challenges confidently.

Ann Evans (LA Governor - 01/09/2016-31/08/2020)

On Premises, Finance Committee and Staffing Committee. Responsible for Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

I have lived in the area practically all my life and was educated locally. I am a Local Authority appointed governor and, in fact, chaired the Governing Body for thirteen years before moving over to make room for someone younger! I am also a governor of another local primary school and sit on School Admissions Appeal panels and Schools Exclusion panels.

Mr. Rod Armstrong (Co-opted Governor – 24/06/2015-23/06/2019)

Chair of Premises Committee and on Curriculum Committee. Responsible for Health and Safety and Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Coming from the North of England I came down to London to study Medicine at UCL. After qualifying and specialising I became a Consultant Anaesthetist and subsequently a Consultant in Intensive Care at UCH. My wife and I moved to Hadley Wood in 1970. All three of our children went to Hadley Wood Primary school. Since then we have always regarded the school with great affection.

During the last three years of my career at UCH I was Sub Dean of the Medical school with special responsibility for pastoral care of medical students..

I have been closely involved with our village hall, the Hadley Wood Association, for many years and am currently Editor of the Hadley Wood News.

Since 2015 I have been a co-opted Governor of the school. I am learning the job and hope that some part of my experience with teaching, administration and management may be of help to this outstanding school, its staff, the schoolchildren and their parents.

Anna Kaposi (Co-opted Governor – 24/02/2015-23/02/2023)

Chair of Staffing Committee, Vice-Chair Curriculum Committee, and on Premises Committee. Responsible for Child Protection and Safeguarding, GDPR and Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.

I have been a community governor since November 2006 and was recently elected as a co-opted governor when the Governing Body was reconstituted in February 2015. My three children were all pupils at Hadley School, during which time I was an active parent helper. I take a particular interest in the school's numeracy provision, as well as monitoring child protection within the school. I am a solicitor by training and currently work part time as a magistrate in North London. I have lived in Hadley Wood since 1998 and am keen to ensure that the School continues to function as an excellent local primary school.

Richard Walker (Co-opted Governor – 27/02/2018-26/02/2022)

On Curriculum Committee. Responsible for Outcomes for Children

I have lived in Hadley Wood since 2012 and became a co-opted governor in February 2018. I spent the 1980's working as a teacher of biology and science in schools in North London. Subsequently I became a freelance writer and consultant, specialising in highly-illustrated science books for children. I take a keen interest in community affairs and am actively involved with Neighbourhood Watch and the Hadley Wood Association.

Becoming a governor of this outstanding school has involved, and is involving, a great deal of learning on my part. I hope that I can combine this knowledge with my experience from education, publishing, project management, and community work to help support and encourage the highest standards. And I must declare an interest. My grandson is at Hadley Wood School; his brother and sister will, hopefully, follow in his footsteps.

Sara Gowon – (Parent Governor – 06/12/2017-05/12/2021)

On Finance Committee. Responsible for Outcomes for Children

I am a long-time resident of Hadley Wood, former pupil of Hadley Wood Primary School and have a child in year 3. I work in the City of London as a Compliance Director for an Investment Management company and have more than 15 years' experience working in the financial services industry firstly as auditor, before moving into investment management. When I'm not working I enjoy dancing, travelling and sport, especially gymnastics which I coach part-time while continuing my training to become a fully qualified and accredited artistic gymnastics coach.

I have many happy memories of my time at Hadley Wood School and would like to give something back to the school that gave me such a good start to my education. I hope that the expertise I have gained working in the financial services industry, not just financial but also through governance committees and employee councils, may help benefit the school and its pupils both present and future.

Miranda Sutters (Parent Governor – 31/10/2016-30/10/2020)

Joint Chair of Curriculum Committee and on Finance Committee. Responsible for Inclusion and Leadership and Management

My son has recently started the school in reception and I wish to be involved in shaping his journey through school.

I have previously been a co-opted governor at a special needs school in Enfield, chairing one of their committees (staff and premises) and will bring this knowledge and experience to the role.

I am a qualified Consultant in Public Health. I believe my skills and knowledge will complement the current membership of the governing body. A particular interest is children's mental health and wellbeing and would wish to ensure that the school provides an environment which is safe and gives the opportunity for children to flourish and reach their full potential.

In my professional role I manage budgets and support the commissioning decisions for the local health service, as well supporting national bodies develop policies and guidance to support the population's health and well-being. I also support the training of the next generation of public health consultants through mentoring and supervision.

**Reverend Rupert MacKay (Associate Member of Governing Body –
On Curriculum Committee. Responsible for Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**

I have been vicar of St Paul's Hadley Wood for 11 years and I became an Associate Member of the Governing Body in 2012. I am chair of the Hadley Wood Association and I serve on the Committee that runs the St Paul's Pre School in Hadley Wood and play an active role with the children's progression by my regular visits. I also thoroughly enjoy taking assemblies at Hadley Wood School. I am sometimes assisted by Pathway, who help run assemblies and clubs for children in primary schools in North London. I am also involved in other charities and societies on a national level. I thoroughly enjoy living in the local area with my wife, who is a teacher, and our four children.

Julie Norton (Associate Member 24/02/2019 Co-opted Governor – 24/02/2015-23/02/2019)

On Premises Committee and on Curriculum Committee.

I have been a governor at the school for approximately 7 years, initially as an LEA Governor and now as a co-opted governor. Both my children went to the school, and I have helped in the school both in the classroom and also as a netball and cross country coach. As well as being on the curriculum and premises committees, I am the Health & Safety governor and PE governor. Before giving up work to be a stay at home Mum, I worked as a desk top publisher and also organised conferences and workshops for a small energy consultancy in central London. I have lived in Hadley Wood for the past 13 years. I am interested in education and am delighted to be a governor of such a wonderful primary school and very keen that Hadley Wood remains an outstanding community school.

Staff Involved

Members of staff are involved in the Governing body as indicated below:

Ms B Benson – Head Teacher (on Curriculum, Staffing, Finance and Premises Committees)

Miss Rachael Byrne (Staff Governor – 29/3/2018-28/3/2022)

Class Teacher Year 2 (on Curriculum Committee)

Mrs Paula Bertram Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion Manager (Associate Member of Governing Body/Inclusion Manager on Curriculum Committee)

In addition, **Mrs Fran Worby (Deputy Head Teacher)** attends both Governing Body and all Committee Meetings when available.