



Berewood Primary School Governors

Berewood Primary School is an Academy sponsored by the University of Chichester (multi) Academy Trust. The constitution of the Local Governing Body is identified within the Scheme of Delegation and includes staff and parent governors, who are elected to their positions with a four year term of office, members appointed by the Directors of the Trust or Governing Body, also with a four year term of office, co-opted members appointed by the Directors of the Trust with a term of office of one year and the head teacher who is an ex-officio member.

Mrs Tammi Ashley (Chair of Governors)

Elected by the parents
23.10.2018 – 22.10.2022



Tammi is mum to Isabel in Year 4 and Neve in Year 2 and has been at Berewood since it opened in September 2014. She joined the PTA almost straight away, initially as secretary, followed by two years as Chair. She currently works for the NHS, managing contracts, and previously worked for 12 years at a London Council managing school building projects. She is keen to be involved with the school and was thrilled when the email was sent about Parent Governors, seeing it as an opportunity to represent the parent and carer community.

Mrs Nicola Blackmore (Vice Chair of Governors)

Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB
08.03.2018 – 07.03.2022



Nicola is a self-employed training consultant, specialising in Management & Leadership development. Before starting her own learning and development company she worked in a variety of HR and training teams across many commercial industries, giving her over 16 years' experience in all aspects of people management, development and strategy. She has lived in Waterlooville since 2006 and now lives on the growing Berewood estate. She has one daughter of primary age and has joined the governing body to be able to put her years of people experience to good use in a different sector. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, travelling, reading and baking.

Mrs Heather Green

Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB
06.02.2019 – 05.02.2023



Heather Green joined our Governing Body this in 2019. Heather is a parent to 3 children, ages 19, 17 and 13. She has been a teacher for 23 years, many of those as an Assistant Head teacher and SENCo at various schools in Hampshire. She is now a senior lecturer at the University of Chichester, supporting students in becoming our new teachers of the future. As a parent of a child who has learning needs and has often struggled with education, Heather understands how important it is to support our children right from the start. She is keen to be involved in helping the school to be the best it can be for all the community of Berewood.

Mr Martin Lippe

Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB
23.11.2018 – 22.11.2022



Martin has lived in Waterlooville since 2015 and is the dad of Seren who attends the school. Martin is a former member of the Armed Forces. He now runs a business consultancy, working with public and private sector clients since 2012. Martin is keen to represent the views and interests of the parent and carer community and to use his relevant skills and experience to help the school achieve its objectives. He is very much enjoying working with the school community in his role as a governor.

Mrs Sharon Corbett

Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB
08.06.2020 – 08.06.2023



Sharon Corbett was a primary school teacher for 26 years, including two years in Mozambique, during which time she became part of the school Leadership Team with responsibility for both English and Assessment. She came to understand those things that contribute to happy and highly achieving schools in which children, staff and the community work together towards their mutual benefit and growth.

In her recent role as university Senior Lecturer in Primary Education (English) and Link Tutor between school and the university in Initial Teacher Education she has used her experience of best practice in primary education to train and equip new generations of primary school teachers with the knowledge, understanding and skills required of the best teachers.

She welcomes the opportunity to draw on her experience to make a positive contribution to the growing Berewood community.

Mr Ricky Leigh (Head teacher)

Ex-officio member

Appointed 01.09.2019



Ricky Leigh has been a teacher for over 15 years having re-trained following a successful international hotel management career in working at the Hilton Amsterdam, DisneylandParis Events and five star hotels in London. He moved to Sussex in 1998 and has lived there ever since working as a teacher, deputy head teacher and most recently as head of school at a large primary in West Sussex. He joined Berewood Primary in 2019 and is looking forward to helping shape its future. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends including cooking for them when he has the time – barbecues are his favourite!

Mrs Sarah Palmer

Elected by the staff

04.11.2019 - 04.11.2022



I have worked in education for the past 21 years as a teaching assistant, with an interest in special needs. Trained as an NNEB Nursery Nurse, Learning Mentor, ELSA, ALSA, Speech and Language teaching assistant, I am currently working as HLTA at Berewood Primary.

Mrs Elaine Woodard (Community Governor)

Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB

08.09.2014 – 08.09.2018



Elaine joined the governing body in 2014 as one of the first governors. Elaine is a professional accountant with many years' experience of both the public and private sectors and brings her experience in that field to the governing body as well as also being involved locally in the community in several areas. Elaine adds, "I am a mother and grandmother and have a real understanding of the long term benefits of a good education, and conversely how falling behind in the early years can seriously harm a person's chances in life."

If you wish to contact the Chair of Governors, please write to them at the school address:
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