



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.

Mr Graham Olway (Chair of Governors)

Appointed by Directors

01.10.2017 – 30.09.2021



Graham Olway has lived in Waterlooville for 25 years and his children all attended local schools and he wanted to contribute his time and experience to a local school. He has a wide variety of experience in the education sector having worked for the Department of Education and also in various roles with Hampshire, Portsmouth and West Sussex local education authorities. He currently manages school place planning and the capital programme for West Sussex County Council. In 2013, Graham was awarded an MBE for his services to Education after serving for six years as National Chairman of the Education Building Development Officers Group (EBDOG). He is a lifelong supporter of Arsenal FC but also follows Accrington Stanley FC, as well as being actively involved in geocaching.

Mrs Nicola Blackmore (Community Governor)

Appointed by Academy Trust Members
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 Waterloooville 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.

Ms Jaime Bridges (Community Governor)

Appointed by Directors
05.01.2017 – 05.01.2021



Jaime is a youth and community worker with over 20 years experience working for the both voluntary sector and in local government. She is currently part of the Community Team at Havant Borough Council working in the West of Waterloooville Development. She has wide range of experience working with children and young people out in the community, in schools and in youth club settings as well as first hand experience being a mum to two young children. She is passionate about giving local people a voice and getting them involved in their local community.

Mr Steve Davis

Appointed by Directors
17.07.2015 – 15.07.2019



Steve hails from Shrewsbury and after graduating from the University College of Wales he trained as a Chartered Accountant in Cardiff qualifying in 1988. He then spent two years as an Audit Manager in New Zealand. On returning to the UK Steve moved into the commercial sector and has worked for a number of well known businesses. For the last ten years he has been Finance Director of a national IT business based in Hampshire.

Steve used to play cricket for his local village in West Sussex before helping coach his son's junior football side. That was some time ago as his son graduated from the University of Surrey in 2015. Steve also has a daughter who is currently studying Ancient History at Exeter University.

Mrs Sally Nelson (Staff Governor)

Appointed 02.11.2015



Sally Nelson has been a teacher in Portsmouth and Hampshire schools since 2004 following graduating from University of Chichester with a BAHons in Primary Education. She has been at Berewood Primary School since it opened in 2014 teaching mostly in key stage 2. Sally has 2 primary aged children and she enjoys spending time with them, her family and friends.

Mike Overall (Parent Governor)

Elected by the Parents

22.06.2015 – 21.06.2019



I am a parent governor with two children, one is in Year 3 and the other in Year R. I believe that all children, not just my own, should receive an education that is both enjoyable and inspiring, allowing them to achieve their full potential. It gives me a chance to help and oversee that our school maintains the highest standard of education and resources, with the best and safest environment possible for the children.

As a parent who is a Company Director, I feel my range of skills and experiences are valuable in supporting my role on the Finance and Resources sub committee.

Mrs Sue Patrick (Head teacher)

Ex-officio member

Appointed 22.04.2014



Sue Patrick began her teaching career in London, working in Lewisham and Peckham, before moving to teach on the Isle of Wight. She has lived and worked in West Sussex since 1994 as a teacher, deputy head teacher and, for three years, as a Numeracy Consultant supporting the development of mathematics learning in schools across the county . Prior to taking up her current position as head teacher of Berewood Primary School in April 2014, she was the head teacher of Jessie Younghusband Primary School in Chichester. Sue has two grown up children and enjoys walking, scuba diving and spending time with her family and friends.

Mr Jason Vigus (Parent Governor)

Elected by the Parents

23.10.2014 – 23.10.2018



Jason has lived in Waterlooville for 10 years and has two young children. He joined the governing body in 2014 as a parent governor to be more involved in the local community & help contribute towards ensuring that both his and many other local children have the opportunity to receive an enjoyable and excellent education at Berewood.

Jason has an IT background, although is currently managing a Finance team for a Canadian web hosting company! He enjoys travelling (occasionally - not too much!), but is happiest with a good book or on a sunny day out the family.

Mrs Elaine Woodard (Community Governor)

Appointed by the Governing Body

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 him at the school address:

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