

# Governors' profiles

## Sarah Edwards (co-opted Governor)



I live in Cobham with my husband and two boys. I work for HSBC.

I have always felt strongly about giving back to the local community and helping children. I enjoy mentoring, via work related programmes, young adults.

It is an honour to be a co-opted governor as I feel like I am able to bring my experience of governance in a large organisation, dealing with complex issues and my passion for helping children all whilst giving back to the community and learning from the other governors and the Education system.

## Jo Farthing (Vice Chair)



I have lived in Claygate for 13 years with my 2 children and husband.

I studied Law at university and worked as a lawyer until starting a family.

I have worked on policy and compliance issues in a school in Wimbledon but now volunteer as an adviser at Citizens Advice Esher. As well as being the vice chair on the governing body I also liaise with the PSHE subject head to oversee how the subject is developing. I am also the contact governor for Health and Safety.

I am a keen salsa dancer and yoga enthusiast.

## Aine Gee (Staff Governor)



I have worked at Claygate Primary School for 16 years and been a Staff Governor for the last 4 years.

CPS has undergone huge changes over the past few years and I have very much enjoyed being part of the journey.

I am the PE lead and enjoy being a part of the many successes the children have.

## **Gillian Hall (LA Governor)**



I have lived in Claygate for 36 years, and both my daughters attended Claygate Primary School. I have always taken an interest in the development of the school as I feel it has a key role to play within the local community.

Before my retirement I was Head of Youth and Community Services for the Royal Borough of Kingston for sixteen years, and prior to that a youth and community worker in Kingston. I was also part of the LEA Senior Management team which included Early Years, Social Services and Schools services.

I liaise with the R.E. subject lead to oversee how the subject is developing and I am on the resources committee .

I am a member of Holy Trinity Claygate and involved with the Jigsaw Pre School and in my 'spare time' enjoy travelling, walking and having fun with my grandsons!

## **William Harvey (Foundation Governor)**



I have been a Foundation Governor since 2018 and before that (from 2015) was an Associate Member of the governing body advising in particular on legal issues, including the school joining the Ember Learning Trust.

I have worked as an in-house solicitor for an energy company since 2009, having spent ten years prior to that in the City.

I am the link governor for Geography, History and Science. My three children have all attended the school.

I am a keen runner and skier.

## **Ruth Kennard (Parent Governor)**



I have two children, one currently in Year 1 at CPS and one who will be starting Reception in 2021. Originally from New Zealand, I found the UK school system a very new experience and decided what better way to try and figure out how it works than to get involved in the school as a parent governor.

Outside school life, I work in financial systems for a national broadcaster and bring my experience in technology, risk and controls to my governor role.

I am the link governor responsible for Computing and EYFS.

## **Clive Thompson (co-opted Governor)**



I have been the Hon Secretary of the Claygate Probus Club for the past 7 years. I am on the committee of the Friends of St George's Church Esher responsible for building and maintenance matters and I am also a trustee of Claygate Village Hall where I provide advice and support in respect of building matters to the Hall Manager.

I work with the school on it's health and safety and I am a part of the swimming pool project team. I am also on the resources committee.

I have 11 grandchildren and many of these are in their primary education. My eldest daughter is a teacher in a primary school in Dorset and I therefore have a direct interest and commitment to primary education. I feel privileged to offer some degree of support and use of my experience to support our Primary School here in Claygate.