



PHIL WRIGHT  
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

"I am the father two children at the school, one in year 2 and one in year 6. I have been a governor since May 2009, initially at the Junior School only. However, I was a member of the Collaborative Committee that oversaw the move to a Primary School and in April 2013 commenced another 4 year term as Governor. I have been a member of all the committees of the governing body, but am currently on the finance committee. I am also the current Chair of the governing body."



KATE SLATCHER  
HEAD TEACHER

"Head Teachers have the choice to be on the school's Governing Body or not. I have taken up the role of governor since starting at Holymead Infants (and at St Anne's Infants where I worked previously). When we merged to be a primary school I decided to continue as a governor. The governing body have been extremely supportive of the school and show a great commitment to providing a good education for all of our pupils. They also play an important role in holding the school to account, which they have done with vigour and expertise. I have found all the governors I have worked with to have the best interests of the children and school at the heart of all their decisions."



ANDREW JONES  
DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER  
Associate Governor

"Two of my primary roles as Deputy Head teacher in Key Stage 2 relate to assessment and literacy. As such I am able to report to governors on progress and attainment, highlighting areas of strength and more importantly areas where our school needs to focus resources to raise standards. I also report on teaching and learning in literacy which includes keeping governors informed of new initiatives to support children's learning in reading and writing. I am an Associate Member of the governing body"



**STEWART McSMYTHURS**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"I have been a teacher at Holymead since 2008 and currently teach Year 2. I have been a staff governor for eight years. I am a Specialist Leader of Education for maths and a member of the school leadership team. My aim is to continue building children's confidence in maths through an enjoyable curriculum. I sit on the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion Committee, where I report regularly on the progress and attainment of pupils, as well as evaluating new initiatives."



**JOANNA RANDALL**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"I started as a parent governor at the junior school and then became a co-opted governor for Holymead Primary. I have chaired the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion committee (CSI) for the last two years and currently co vice chair. My background is in communications, marketing and public relations and I run my own agency business. My daughter attended Holymead, she is now in secondary school, and my son is currently in the Infants. I am passionate about issues relating to diversity and inclusion and I am the nominated Holymead Governor for Diversity. I am committed to continuous improvement and excellence at Holymead Primary."



**NIC WILKINS**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"I have been a governor at Holymead since May 2011, initially as a parent and now as a co-opted governor. I am also the Special Educational Needs named governor. I am part of the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion committee and also the Health, Safety and Wellbeing committee. I work at Holymead as a Learning Support Assistant working with children across all 3 reception classes. I also have a child at the school currently in year 5. I thoroughly enjoy my role as a governor and am pleased to be part of a strong and committed governing body".



**JUDITH BUCKLEY**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**

Finance & Staffing and Health, Safety  
& Wellbeing Committees

"I am the Business Manager at Holymead Primary and have worked at the school for 25 years. I sit on both the Finance and Staffing Committee and the Health, Safety, Wellbeing and Premises Committee and provide governors with information about the budget, quotes for larger purchases, walk round the buildings prioritising maintenance and upgrading work to be done throughout the year as well as look at the various policies that are in place to make the school a safe, well-kept and pleasant place to work for staff, children and parents alike. I feel that the school has gone from strength to strength since amalgamating and am very proud to be both a member of staff and a governor.



**NIKKI HOLLAND**  
**ASSOCIATE GOVERNOR**  
Finance & Staffing Committee

"I am the Bursar at Holymead Primary, based at the junior site. I have been in position since April 2008 and previous to this I worked in the Insurance Industry. I am an Associate Member of the Full Governing Body and I provide assistance on the Finance and Staffing Committee. It is my responsibility to keep the Governors up to date with information regarding staffing and personnel matters and to provide regular financial summaries of the school budget."



**DEAN SMART**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Finance & Staffing and Health, Safety  
& Wellbeing Committees

"I have lived within a couple of minutes' walk of both school sites for the last quarter century. For most of this time I have been a Local Authority/Community appointed governor, joining the Governors at both sites. I was Chair of the Infants Governors, for several years, and Vice Chair of the junior governors, and now serve as a member of the Health, Safety, Wellbeing and Premises Committee, and Finance and Staffing committees. I am currently a member of staff at UWE with a specialism in History and Citizenship education and project management experience."



**VAL COBBIN**  
**PARENT GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"I have been a parent governor at Holymead since October 2015, and have a daughter in Year 5. I volunteered to become a governor as I'm interested in education and wanted to support the school. I belong to the Curriculum and Standards Committee and am the named governor for e-safety. I'm enjoying working with a group of committed staff, parents and volunteers, all of whom want to do their best for the pupils of Holymead, and I look forward to seeing how the school develops over the next couple of years."



**DEB PHILLIPS**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Finance & Staffing Committee

"I am a co-opted governor, sitting on the Finance and Staffing Committee. Both of my sons have attended Holymead, my eldest is now in Secondary education and my youngest is in key stage 2. I have experience as an accountant within the private sector and enjoy learning how differently everything works within an educational environment. I am the Year 5 governor and have had the opportunity to spend time observing and meeting the children when I have visited the school. I look forward to continuing to develop my role as governor and helping to make sure that Holymead is the best possible educational environment for our children."



**STEVE JOHNSON**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Finance & Staffing Committee

"I have just been elected as a parent Governor within the last few months and am excited to be playing a part in helping to shape the school in the coming years. I have 2 children, Joe and Amy, both who attend Holymead school and are in years 3 and 5 respectively. I have worked in the food manufacturing industry for the last 18 years with a variety of roles including supply chain, operations and site leadership. I am particularly excited to be joining the finance committee and will be passionate about ensuring we continue to make financial decisions that are in the best interests of the school and its children".





**LAURA TRESCORTHICK-MARTIN**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"I was elected as a parent Governor in November 2016 and I sit on the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion Committee. I have a daughter in year 1 and I wanted to take a more active role in the school and help develop and strengthen the already vibrant learning environment the school offers its pupils. I am a solicitor with 12 years' experience working within all stages of the education sector. I am currently a university lawyer specialising in safeguarding, crisis management, mental health and handling appeals and complaints. I have been a governor previously, on the board of a special educational needs school. I look forward to using my experience to benefit the school during my time as Governor."



**JO HEAD**  
**SATFF GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"I have taught at Holymead since 2005 across both the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. I am a member of the school's senior leadership team and am currently the Foundation Stage leader. I love teaching at Holymead and chose to become part of the governing body to further contribute to the running of the school in the interests of our community. I am a staff governor and sit on the Curriculum Standards and Inclusion and the Finance and Staffing committees".



**JONATHAN DIDLICK**  
**CO-OPTED GOVERNOR**  
Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion  
Committee

"After being elected approximately 2 ½ years ago as a co-opted governor I have served on the Curriculum and Standards committee and more recently serving as Chair of Health, Safety and Premises Committee. I have 2 children at the school. My role as part of Health Safety and Premises Committee involves regular site visit inspections around the internal and external parts of the school to identify any potential work that needs carrying out as well as reviewing the quality and standard of work already carried out. My role has also involved reviewing relevant H+S related policies and making appropriate recommendations for action."