

Introducing Holymead Primary School Governors.



Jessica Coggins – Chair of governors

I became a co-opted governor in October 2017 and I am currently the Chair of the Governors and a member of the Health and Safety and Wellbeing Committee and the link governor for phonics. I am passionate about equality and diversity, alongside the accessibility and provision of quality education. Employed by the University of the West of England (UWE) as a Research Associate, I am currently working on two projects exploring treatments for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.



Kate Slatcher – Head Teacher

I have been a governor at Holymead since I became head of the infant school in January 2005. During that time, I have worked closely with governors to merge the previously separate schools into one single primary school providing a good all through education for pupils from 4-11 years. It is a pleasure to serve on a board of dedicated governors who provide support and challenge to help maintain the great work that is done at Holymead.



Amy Callaway

I have been a co-opted governor since December 2019. I am the Vice-chair and currently sit on the Finance and Staffing committee. With a keen interest in employment law and employee engagement, I am a Human Resources Manager within a Financial Services organisation. I am passionate about quality education and providing the right opportunities, skills and resources for all. With over ten year's experience I have also been a children's sports coach in both a club and school environment.



Jo Head

I have taught at Holymead Primary School since 2005 across both the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. I am now the Deputy Head of the KS1 site.

I love teaching at Holymead and enjoy being part of the governing body contributing the running of the school in the interest of our community.

I am a staff governor and sit on the Curriculum Standards and Inclusion committee.



Sam Goss

I am delighted to become a parent governor at the school. I'm a chartered architect, and director of a local practice based at the paintworks. My three daughters are 6, 3 and 6 months old, and I have lived in Brislington since 2012. I will be joining the Health and Safety and Wellbeing committee, and hoping to bring my experience, creativity, and experiences to bear to help ensure the school is a fantastic place for all of our children to learn and grow. I am passionate about community action, participation in education, and creating a sustainable environment and look forward to collaborating with parents and the governing body to try and make a difference for our children's future.



Judith Buckley

I have recently retired as the School Business Manager at Holymead Primary after 32 years. I have also been a governor for many years. I sit on the Finance and Staffing Committee, as well as the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee. I currently run The Hub and am passionate in ensuring that the breakfast and after school club are enjoyable and well run for the children. I am keen to attract a large array of community groups and classes to The Hub to ensure that local people have opportunities in the area.



Dean Smart

I am the school's Local Authority Governor, nominated by the City Council, and have a long association with the school as 'community representative', serving in various roles. I currently chair the Finance and Staffing Committee and attend the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee. I have a professional background in education and research supervision, and work at UWE. I have experience of being a trustee of charities and a non-profit organisation, and of INGO service.



Cheryl Douglass – Vice Chair

I became a Co-opted Governor in 2021. I currently sit on the Curriculum, Standards, & Inclusion committee, and EYFS and Pupil Premium Governor. I've lived in Brislington since 1997 and have worked in and around Bristol ever since. I'm a chartered marketing consultant and a registered mentor with the Chartered Institute of Marketing. I love learning, creativity, and watching people and businesses grow and thrive.



Lucy Wyatt

I have worked in Education for over 30 years. During this time I've held a number of different roles and am now enjoying working at Holymead on a part time basis. When not at Holymead I work as a Safeguarding and Health and Safety Advisor for a local charity and other schools across the Bristol area.

As a Governor I'm very pleased to be able to support the work of our fantastic school in providing the very best for our pupils.



Kaylene Alder

I'm very excited to be a parent governor at Holymead. Formerly a primary school teacher, I now work in the senior leadership team of a primary school in Hackney and for the Department for Education as well as doing a bit of freelance illustration. My daughters are in Year 2 and Reception. I am on the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion committee and am the link governor for SEND and Children in Care. I am passionate about creativity, in education and equality, diversity and inclusion. I look forward to continuing to work with the governing body and supporting the school and its children to be creative, safe and brilliant.



Michael Starbuck

I am really pleased to be a parent governor at Holymead Primary School and joined the Governors' Board in June 2022. Due to my previous experience working in Bristol City Council's Schools Finance Team, I will be sitting on the Financing and Staffing Committee.

I currently work in the Civil Service where I take an active role encouraging and challenging Equality, Diversity and Inclusion issues with colleagues and senior leaders.



Mark Goninon

I am a co-opted Governor and member of the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion Committee; I am also the link governor for Safeguarding and Child protection. I have lived in Bristol since 2016, and have been a Nurse for over 30 years, predominantly in Paediatrics. I am currently a Deputy Chief Nurse for University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Trust, and prior to this I was the Head of Nursing for the Children's Hospital in Bristol. I am passionate about Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, both in the work place and in accessing health care and education. I am excited at the opportunity to be able to contribute to the development of the school, and to helping the students to enjoy learning and achieving their objectives.