Meet Your Governing Body

The governing body is made up of volunteers, staff and parents. We guide and support the strategic direction of the school. From the introductions below you will see we each bring a variety of skills and experience and work alongside the Senior Leadership Team to ensure the school can deliver the very best for its pupils.

Co-opted Governors

Matt Dooley
I am the Chair of Governors and have been a governor with Great Binfields Primary for four years. I have a background in finance and risk management. I live locally and have seen the school being built and developed into the children-focused resource that we have today. I sit on the finance and pay committees and have a responsibility for data protection (GDPR).

Katie Bryan
I have worked in education for over 10 years and understand the vital role governors play in supporting and shaping a school's success. I have led STEM subjects for many years and have a passion for these. While this would be my first governor position, I am excited by the opportunity to contribute my experience and make a positive difference in an area local to me.

Jo Gilham
I have been a governor for 5 years. I have previously had two children attend GBPS but they have now moved into secondary school. I am a nurse and currently work in insurance so familiar with working in a highly regulated industry and understand the importance of clear communication and accurate documentation

Julie Hughes
I have recently joined the governing board. I am working as a Director of Care in a local children's hospice and I have been a children's nurse for many years. I am committed to ensuring all children have equal access to education and opportunities and I hope my skill set in strategic service development, safeguarding and child development will support the governing board. In my spare time I am a keen and competitive cyclist and spend lots of time walking my spaniel Lilly.

Andrew Sillitoe

I have newly joined the governors, to help ensure that Great Binfields continues to have high standards, so that the children can enjoy learning and growing up with their friends. I have two daughters here, in Year 1 and Year 4. My work involves developing and understanding technical regulations, so I am experienced in the world of analysing policies and working out compliance strategies.

Stephanie Clark

I have been a school governor since 2023 and I am passionate about supporting public sector organisations to be the best they can be and making a positive contribution to my local community.
Through my HR experience, I bring skills in people management, organisational development, and governance that can help support the school's strategic objectives and long-term success. As someone who cares deeply about the local area, I am keen to use my knowledge and experience to help ensure young people have access to the best possible educational opportunities.

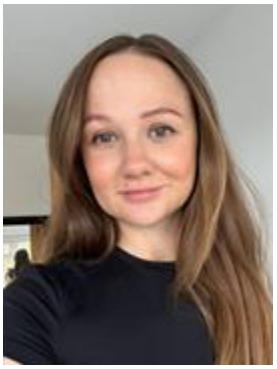
Cepta Hamm

I am a semi-retired nurse and have been a school governor for 4 years. I have a special interest in safeguarding and am currently the safeguarding governor for the school. In my spare time, I enjoy singing, walking her dog and engaging in community activities, I lead a climate change campaign and a ladies group in the local area.

Dan Wilson

Although not technically a Parent Governor, I have a daughter in the school in KS2. I am a qualified Accountant and Internal Auditor, working in the automotive industry and with regulated financial services entities, and support the GBPS Finance Committee. Prior to my professional training, my background was in STEM and sports coaching, the latter of which I have recently started again at a local cricket club where my daughter is learning the game.

Staff Govs



Laura Hanafin

I have been a teacher at Great Binfields for 11 years now. Prior to that, I did my teacher training here and a year of being an LSA. I have taught in Year 1, Year 4 and now in Year R. I love being a part of such a brilliant school community and enjoy supporting the governing body with a staff perspective on development and changes.

Kelly Dillon

Being both Headteacher and a Governor gives me a unique appreciation of the important role our Governing Body plays within the school community. I am incredibly grateful for the support, challenge and expertise they provide. I celebrate the diversity within the Governing Body, as it brings a wide range of perspectives that strengthen our decision-making and enhance the quality assurance that is so important in ensuring the continued success of our school.

Parent Governors

Adrian Richardson

I am a proud parent of our little girl who is in KS1. I wanted to become a governor because I believe schools play a vital role in shaping children's futures and supporting them to reach their full potential.
I am passionate about education, community involvement and creating opportunities for all children to thrive. I have worked in the NHS for more than 25 years and currently hold an Executive Director role, leading strategy, transformation and improvement across health services in Kent.

Anna Donnellan

I'm a parent in the school with kids in KS1 and KS2.
I'm passionate about STEM subjects and access to the arts. I'm the Vice-Chair of Governors and have been supporting the school with OPAL.
I work in international trade and sustainable energy. I love gardening and spend a lot of time at my allotment losing the battle with weeds.

For more information on our Governors and their link roles please visit the school website