

Our Governing Board

The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are:



- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Dan Lowery - The Chair of Governors



- I joined the Governing Board in September 2015 as a parent Governor and became Chair in September 2017. The reason I became a Governor was driven by my experience of my father doing the same role when I was a child and witnessing the impact of the Board of Governors on the development of the school. I am a surveyor by profession, with over 20 years' experience.
- Currently I run the surveying division of a regional property services company. My role involves managing a team of 30 people, setting budgets and objectives for the business, as well as monitoring and reviewing the financial performance of the business. The skills I have gained professionally have assisted in my role as Health and Safety governor and also on the Finance and Staffing committee.
- I have two daughters at the school and I hope they are left with the same sense of pride in my involvement, as I was with my father.

Jeremy Waite - Vice Chair



- I have been a Parent Governor since 2016 and sit on the Curriculum and Standards Committee as well as being the Governor responsible for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and the liaison for the Year 1 and 2 class.
- I am passionate about the physical and emotional development of our children alongside their academic learning and also enjoy a connection with the juniors through our school running club.
- In September 2017 I became Vice-chair of the Governing Board and look forward to continuing to support the Headteacher and staff as the school develops further.

Catherine Dineen - Parent Governor



- I joined the team as a Parent Governor in June 2017. I am currently Safeguarding Governor, PPG Governor, Eco Governor and the link Governor for Years 3/4, in addition to sitting on the Curriculum Committee.
- I am passionate about high quality education and maximising learning opportunities for all children.
- I am lawyer by profession and worked as a tax and trusts solicitor in London for over 10 years. My legal expertise, ability to analyse and process large amounts of information, advising and dealing with a variety of people and institutions are some of the skills that I can draw on as a Governor.
- I am now a full time mum with both of my boys hugely proud to attend Streatley Primary School.

Mark Richardson – Diocesan Governor



- I served as a Governor and Chair of Governors at a Reading Church of England School before joining the Governing Board of Streatley as a Diocese appointed Governor in 2019.
- I am a chartered accountant, currently working as Head of Finance for a local housing association.
- I have experience of corporate governance, being Trustee of a small charity and on the finance committee of another.
- My appointment adds to the financial expertise on the governing board.

Christine Jones



- I joined the Governing Board in December 2018 and sit on the Finance and Staffing committee. I live in Streatley with my husband and our two cats, Dexter and Tilly. I was interested in becoming a governor for a number of reasons, not least because my Grandfather was Chair of the Board of Governors for a local school well into his 80s and gained a tremendous amount of joy and satisfaction from it. Having moved from London to Goring & Streatley, I really wanted to take advantage of the thriving community to give back, and what better way to do so than supporting our local school.
- I have worked in the HR and Talent space for over 15 years, since leaving university, where I studied Experimental Psychology (specialising in Educational and Developmental Psychology). I currently work 4 days a week and am using my other day to study towards becoming a Counsellor. Needless to say, I'm hugely passionate about people and our endless capacity to achieve, to grow and to learn.

Sally McLeery



- I have been a resident of Streatley for just over 20 years and as a qualified accountant, I have worked part-time with a variety of SME's from my home office.
- I also work as a volunteer stylist at a charity called Smartworks and have recently taken up golf as my boys are now at University and are less demanding of my time!
- I joined the board in November 2017 as I believe all children are entitled to a high quality education and felt I could make a valuable contribution to the school.
- I chair the Finance & Staffing Committee and am link governor for years 5 and 6.

Rev Ben Phillips



- After various jobs in hospitality, sales, social work and singing I studied at Cambridge - monkeys and apes and human evolution. This prepared me for a job in industry or the church. The church won.
- In over 25 years of training and ministry I have always had a passion to see children prepared for life in the world with a knowledge that they are loved and loveable by a God who has great hopes in them, and whose love is a resource in all that life is.
- I have two grown up children who are now both involved in education. I have been a governor for over 20 years at 5 schools and am privileged to be involved in this school.

Ella Glynn - Staff Governor



- I joined Streatley in September 2016 as a newly qualified teacher and quickly settled into life at this caring village school. The staff, children and their families are always supportive, which helped me in the early days as it encouraged me to flourish. My particular strengths include differentiating learning for mixed aged groups, supporting children with additional needs, classroom organisation and setting clear expectations.
- My interests lie within the broader curriculum and its development, ensuring that our school's learning is both challenging and diverse. Looking forward, I hope to continue to develop my teaching career further by supporting in leadership and impacting wider across the school.

Lesley Roberts - Headteacher



- I joined Streatley in September 2016 as interim headteacher. I was excited by the possibilities and opportunities at the school and I successfully became substantive Headteacher in February 2017. I have been involved with educational institutions for 17 years in a variety of positions: teacher, senior leader, consultant and national adviser.
- Since 2011 I have worked in interim leadership positions refining my school vision and adding capacity to school leadership teams. My strengths are matched to Streatley school's pursuit of excellence. Since September 2016 we have internally coached in teaching and learning, developed vocabulary and phonics teaching to ensure all children have the best start, utilised our natural resources – The Follies (woodlands) and invested in the teaching and learning of maths.
- Streatley school children and their families are extremely supportive and they have a thirst for learning. We aim to create Happy, Healthy Humans.

Useful Sites



- <https://www.nga.org.uk/Home.aspx> National
- <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/article/29787> Local
- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/schools/appointing-governors/> Diocese