

# Meet Your Governing Board

## Kevin Moyes – Chair of Governors

Governor Type: Local Authority Governor

Term of Office Ends: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Other Roles: Whistleblowing Link Governor, Chair of Headteacher Performance Committee and Pay Panel, Finance Lead Governor and Premises and Health and Safety Lead Governor



Kevin has been a governor since 2012, he is currently the Chair of Governors Five Acres Primary School in Bicester, Gateway Primary School in Carterton, and Carterton Primary School. Kevin has been the Chair of Governors at 10 primary schools in Oxford including chairing four Interim Executive Boards; the first where the school moved from Requires Improvement to Good and the others where the school moved to Requires Improvement during Kevin's time there. Kevin carries out governor training for Oxfordshire's Governor Services. Kevin is a reserve member of the Oxfordshire Schools' Forum and the Oxfordshire Governors' Association. He became a governor because he had a very poor primary school education and he wanted to ensure that other children did not have the same experience, because he knows first-hand the challenges this creates. Kevin's is in an Executive role as Director of People and Culture at an international ocean conservation charity and lives in Abingdon with his wife and two daughters.

## Stephen Craggs – Vice Chair of Governors

Governor Type: Foundation Governor

Term of Office Ends: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026

Other Roles: Staffing Lead Governor and member of Headteacher Performance Committee and Pay Committee



Steve has lived in Bloxham since 2016 and spent 5 years on the Parish Council. After stepping down following two years as Chair he rejoined at the end of 2022 due to a severe shortage of councillors! Steve was appointed a Foundation Governor for Bloxham Primary School in Feb 2023 and is now working with Kevin in the role of Vice-Chair. Steve's background is very much science – Maths and Computing. Steve enjoys all forms of puzzles including crosswords and number puzzles.

## Sara Choa

Governor Type: Co-Opted Governor

Term of Office Ends: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2028



Sarah is an Audit Assistant Manager for Deloitte UK LLP - London Office and has a master's degree in business management from the University of West London. Sarah has expert knowledge and experience in finance management which will support the Governing Board in overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent as well as setting a strategy and working towards the achievement of it; in this school context this means- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and the overall strategic direction. Sarah also has

extensive knowledge and experience in project management, communications, and teamwork. Sarah has a passion and interest in education and the welfare of children and wanted to take on a new challenge and use the skills she has developed over the course of her career to make a positive contribution to children's education and make a difference to the lives of the next generation.

## Candice Hinds

Governor Type: Parent Governor

Term of Office Ends: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2027



Candice Hinds-George is a nurse who specialises in Organ Donation. She qualified in 2002 in Trinidad and Tobago. She moved to England in 2003 where she worked on a spinal rehabilitation unit in Aylesbury. Candice moved to Oxford in 2005 and worked in the Neuro Intensive care unit of the John Radcliffe University Hospital in Oxford where she wrote different policies that are still currently in use. She also worked as a community nurse from 2011 to 2016 where she helped established the hospital at home unit in 2011 which prevented hospital admissions and facilitated early discharge for continued at home treatment.

Candice joined the NHS Blood and Transplant Organ donation team in 2016 and is based at the John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford. While working at the organ donation team Candice received an award for her work with Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and continues to promote this in her workplace.

Candice enjoys quality time with her family by going on walks within the village and further afield. She enjoys cooking and baking, swimming, and reading. Candice currently volunteers for the Bloxham Primary School and is now one of the parent governors.

## Ashley Pile

Governor Type: Parent Governor

Term of Office Ends: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Other Governor Roles: Learning and Teaching Deputy Lead Governor and member of Headteacher Performance Committee and Pay Committee



Ashley became a parent governor in February 2023. She has a son in Year 1 and a daughter at the pre-school. She works part time as a reception teacher at a primary school in Banbury. Ashley wanted to become a governor to support the school at a time of great change, to give the children in our community the best possible start to their school life.

## Gillian Barnes

Governor Type: Co-Opted Governor

Term of Office Ends: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Other Governor Roles: Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead Governor and Inclusion (Special Educational Needs and Disability, Pupil Premium, Service Premium and Excluded Pupils)



Gillian was a teacher in secondary schools in London, Oxfordshire and abroad for 30 years where she taught English and Latin and, in her last school in Oxfordshire she was the SENDCo for 13 years. Since taking early retirement, Gillian has continued to work with secondary students as a tutor and as an Examination Concessions Assessor at her last school in Eynsham. Gillian's interests are theatre, gardening, travel, reading and music and all things classical really! Gillian has a great love for Latin which she is fortunate enough to have been able to teach recently. Gillian sees her role

as a governor as an opportunity to give back to education using the experience she has gained from her own. Gillian is local; she was born in Banbury, educated in Banbury, and returned there in the 1980s. Most of Gillian's family are in Banbury and some are in the village of Bloxham itself, so she has a strong working knowledge of the locality.

## Louise Thomas

Governor Type: Staff Governor

Term of Office Ends: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



Louise has over 20 years' experience as a teacher and special educational needs coordinator in several local primary schools. Louise has been at Bloxham as inclusion manager since 2020. A former pupil herself, she has a long history with the school! As staff governor, Louise is committed to supporting Bloxham Primary on its journey of continual development, to ensure all pupils have the best possible educational experience.

## Dale Gingrich

Governor Type: Foundation Governor

Term of Office Ends: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

Other Governor Roles: Community Engagement Lead Governor



Dale has been a governor at Bloxham Primary School since 2016, which happens to be how long he has been the incumbent of the parishes of Bloxham St Mary, Milcombe St Laurence and South Newington St Peter ad Vincula, known as the United Benefice of Bloxham with Milcombe and South Newington. Before coming to Bloxham, Dale was a team vicar in Gaywood in the Norwich Diocese for eight years and served as a governor for Howard Junior School. Dale's experience includes serving churches in both the USA and England and he worked as an accountant after university and before training

for the priesthood. St Mary's hosts many primary school gatherings and the other schools in the village use the church building frequently. Dale is working to modernise the facilities at St Mary's, works are ongoing to install toilets, kitchen and update the sound system, lighting, seating plus introduce internet and video capabilities for all the community to benefit.

# Elliott Manning

Governor Type: Parent Governor

Term of Office Ends: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2027



Elliott has a son in year 1 and daughter in foundation stage and has lived in Bloxham since 2019. Elliott took this role to assist the school in providing a first-rate education for the pupils in our community.

Elliott owns a business serving the local community and so aims to bring all his external knowledge and experience to this role for the benefit of the school.

# Suzette Watson

Governor Type: Foundation Governor

Term of Office Ends: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Other Governor Roles: Community Engagement Deputy Lead Governor



Suzette's focus is on arts, education, faith, culture, and politics. She has been working across the world as a professional director, producer, choreographer, artist, musician, performer, writer, mentor, trainer, coordinator, educator, and cultural consultant since 1989. Alongside a resume full of creative and educational work, Suzette consults, advises and delivers on projects for charities, community organisations, government projects, Town and District Councils, and local businesses.

Based for over twenty years at The Mill arts centre in Banbury, Suzette focused on diverse arts development there from 1993 to 2013. She worked closely with local authorities from 2015 to 2019 on developing public events in North Oxfordshire. Suzette has been the Producer for Chipping Norton Theatre since 2021, and is now also a resident artist there, focused on developing dance. She and her son Blue have lived in Milcombe for 22 years. A well-known youth worker of many years, Suzette is a group leader, special advocate, and mentor for young people. In particular, she works in arts training, intervention, and coaching. Suzette is especially invested in championing those from hard pressed backgrounds, young people with different developmental needs, as well as the intellectually gifted and those with special talents. Suzette was born in New York City, studying dance and the arts professionally from age three. She is an alumnus of the world renowned LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts, the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance, and Jacques D'Amboise's National Dance Institute in New York City. She holds multiple professional qualifications, including a graduate degree from Trinity, Laban (London). Suzette is a polymath, and amongst other skills is a trained paralegal, editor, security supervisor, martial artist, personal license holder, first aider and fire marshal. An active parishioner, reader and intercessor in the Oxford Diocese, Suzette has been on the Parish Church Committee of St Laurence's Milcombe for some years. She is the safeguarding officer and has been elected as church warden again this year. Suzette is a committed Christian, a student of theology, biblical studies, and church history. A volunteer for BBOWT with Wild Banbury, Suzette sits on various on the boards of various local committees and groups. Suzette's additional areas of research and practice continue to be the intersection of the performative and the ritual in Neolithic and Bronze Age landscapes; the impact of historic local stories, practice, places, and folklore on contemporary culture; the Origins and diaspora of American Jazz and Blues, including the long continuing influence on worldwide arts practice, popular culture, and social movements.

