

# 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, GDPR 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 and Gateway Primary School in Carterton. 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, mentors Chairs of Governors and undertakes external governance reviews for Oxfordshire's Governor Services. Kevin has been a Trustee for a Multi-Academy

Trustee and is a reserve member of the Oxfordshire Schools' Forum and the Oxfordshire Governors' Association. Kevin became a governor because he had a very poor primary school education (because he is neurodiverse, but it was not diagnosed in childhood) 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 Chief People Officer for an international ocean conservation charity, a role which requires a focus on professional organisational governance, culture and effectiveness. Kevin lives in Abingdon with his wife and two daughters.

## 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.

## Hannah Duckett

Governor Type: Co-Opted Governor

Term of Office Ends: 10 December 2028

Other Governor Roles: N/A



Hannah is a proud alumna of Bloxham C.E Primary School, having left the school when in year 6 in 2014. Hannah said in her application that she wanted to take up the opportunity because it resonated deeply with her passion for supporting young people and her aspiration to contribute meaningfully to the community that played such an integral role in her early development. Hannah is a Deputy Housemistress at Tudor Hall School, where she provides pastoral care and support to 51 students aged 16–17. Hannah is set to graduate and qualify as a Social Worker at the end of this calendar year—reflecting her dedication to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

## **Gillian Barnes**

Governor Type: Co-Opted Governor

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

Other Governor Roles: Safeguarding and Child Protection (including filtering and monitoring, attendance and off-roll pupils) 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.

## **Melanie Christianson**

Governor Type: Parent Governor

Term of Office Ends: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2028



Melanie has two children who have, between them, attended four different primary schools (in both England & America). Melanie has spent time both professionally and as a volunteer working with young people. She has worked in various charities (for example in a business-education partnership in East London, where she recruited business mentors to help children in local disadvantaged schools) and in educational settings (for example she worked at Activate Learning,

teaching SEN students, supporting students through work experience placements and teaching English and Maths). Melanie has also held varying voluntary posts supporting schools and children, such as Class Rep, Treasurer for the PTO, Brownie Guide & Cub Scout Leader, Sunday School Leader, mentor to disadvantaged youth, plus she has organised many parent socials to bring people together.

## **Stephen Craggs – Vice Chair of Governors**

Governor Type: Foundation Governor

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

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



Stephen 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! Stephen was appointed a Foundation Governor for Bloxham Primary School in Feb 2023. Stephen's background is very much science – Maths and Computing, he enjoys all forms of puzzles including crosswords and number puzzles.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Elliott Manning**

Governor Type: Parent Governor

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

Other Governor Roles: Premises and Health and Safety Deputy Lead Governor



Elliott has a son in year 1 and daughter in foundation stage and has lived in Bloxham since 2019. Elliott took up 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 brings all his external knowledge and experience to this role for the benefit of the school.

## Sarah Choa

Governor Type: Co-Opted Governor

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

Other Governor Roles: Staffing Lead Governor and Finance Deputy Lead Governor



Sarah is an Audit Manager for a large multi-national professional services organisation and brings over 7 years of experience in Audit and Finance. Through Sarah's professional experience she has gained skills and experience in a number of areas which would be beneficial to our school including: Finance Management - overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent Strategic Direction - ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school Project Management & Communication and Teamwork- Being able to communicate and lead, as well as work part of a team. Commitment to equal opportunity and confidentiality