



Gill Hutton – Head Teacher



I have been a member of the Board of Governors at Pottery Primary School for 20 years in my role as head teacher. I am also a member of both the resources and the teaching and learning committees.

My role is to ensure governors have a clear picture of the school and its performance in order that they can formulate a strategic direction for the school, one that enables all children to reach their potential (*teaching and learning committee*).

Secondly to ensure governors have all the information they need to make sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources (*resources committee*).

Jane Bate – Chair of Governors



I became a member of the Board of Governors in 2012 when my daughter Lucy started school. As well as the Role of Chair I sit on the Resources Committee. I am involved with the Head Teacher Performance Review process and get involved regularly with other working groups, for example compilation and analysis of the parent questionnaire.

My career of over 35 years has involved many aspects of Business Management from financial budgeting, health and safety, facilities, data analysis and more. My area of expertise is within Purchasing and I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

My daughter has now left Pottery however, I continue being a great advocate for the school and taking pride in being part of its continued success.



John Hirst – Vice Chair and Parent Governor

I joined The Board of Governors in 2015 as I have an interest, like most parents, in supporting the school in their move to an OFSTED outstanding Grade. I currently chair the Teaching and Learning Committee and have an interest in all things maths. I try to visit the classroom as often as I can to update my knowledge around practices. Most recently I have visited to familiarise myself with Rainbow Grammar and Mastery. I am qualified to degree level and have spent the last 25 years working with Training Providers, Colleges and Prisons preparing them for a variety of quality inspections. My son Isaac is in Year 6 and like me he is rugby mad.



Jo Atton – Co-opted Governor

In 2014 I became a co-opted governor at Pottery Primary School, my main reason for becoming a governor was my interest in children's education and I believe the experience I have gained during my working life would be a great asset to the school. I also have a child at the school in year 2.

I have served on various committees over the years and am currently the Chair of the local Cubs and Scouts group. At present, I am a member of the Resources Committee.

Within my governor role I am currently involved with the Health and Safety inspection of the school to make sure that both children and staff are working, learning and playing in a safe environment. I am also involved with the parent questionnaire and collating the information that we receive from parents. More To inform action planning I have recently taken on the role along with my fellow governors being involved in the Head teacher performance management reviews.



Eva Ryan - Co-opted Governor



I have been a governor at Pottery Primary School for over 6 years and feel very passionate in supporting the schools the children in the school as well as ensuring that the schools vision of 'making each person count' is a reality.

I have spent my career working in IT services with the last 15 years working within the education sector helping schools, academies, local authorities, further education colleges and universities to evaluate and adopt technologies that create engaging and interactive learning environments. This has given me an insight into the challenges schools are facing in education today and enabled me through the teaching and learning committee to support the school with the following responsibilities:

- Curricular Policies
- Special Educational Needs
- Pupil Premium Funding and impact on progress
- Data Monitoring



Martin Osborne - Co-opted Governor

I have been a school governor for the past 18 years at 4 different schools, holding the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Resources Committee. I re-joined the board of Pottery School last year having worked away in Cumbria for 7 years where I was a governor of Yarlside Primary School and latterly a Member of the Intelligent Learning Academy.

My whole career has been spent in the banking and financial services sector where I held the positions of Regional Manager for a global bank and latterly as a General Manager for a building society. These roles gave me a great deal of experience in finance, HR and development/monitoring of businesses. I now run my own business in wealth management. I hold qualifications in banking and financial services.

Having two children that attended Pottery Primary School some years ago I am delighted to return to the school for my second period as governor to assist the school with its excellent work.



Matthew Fotheringham – Co-opted Governor

I became a co-opted governor in 2018. As a parent, as well as a primary school teacher at another school, I have an interest in supporting and developing the school so that all children feel safe, happy and nurtured so that they make progress to the best of their ability. I have been a primary school teacher since 2011 and I am also the lead for Computing at my current school. I am passionate about how schools can help Looked After and Previously Looked After Children in Education, to help them achieve their full potential. I believe that the well-being and mental health of children and adults is paramount in education. My personal and professional background helps me contribute to ensuring best practise for the children, school and staff on the Teaching and Learning Committee.



Rachel Pecz – Parent Governor

I have been a parent governor since 2018 and am part of the Teaching and Learning committee. I currently have 2 children at Pottery, in years 4 and 5 and a nephew in year 1. I made the decision to put myself forward for the role to gain an understanding of how the school works and to continue the high standard that I believe the school works to currently, and to hopefully help the school improve this further.

I am qualified to degree level having completed a history degree through the Open University 2 years ago and currently work for the government with Trading Standards over the East Midlands region.



Philip Sellors – Co-opted Governor

In 2018 I became a co-opted governor at Pottery Primary School, the main reason for becoming a governor was to help support the school. I currently have a child at the school, in year 1, and I will have another child joining in September 2019 in reception.

My background is primarily ICT and I've been working in local government for the last 15 years supporting Social Care and Education departments to make the most of ICT. I'm also studying, in whatever spare time I can find, towards my BSC in Science with the Open University.

As well as being a governor for the school I'm also involved with the Pottery School Association (PSA) helping run additional events to help fundraise towards additional items for the school.



Sean Garrity – Co-opted Governor

I was co-opted as a governor in 2018, the year that my son, Euan, started at Pottery. I currently sit on the Teaching and Learning Committee and am also involved in the creation, review and analysis of the Parent Questionnaire.

As an Accountant, I am used to dealing with, and reviewing data. I also deal with strategic decision making, forecasting and budgeting. These are all transferable skills that I will use in my role as governor to support Pottery Primary to achieve its goals of becoming an Ofsted outstanding school.



Sandra Nix – Staff Governor



I became the Staff Governor at Pottery Primary School in January 2019. I have worked here for 13 years and am currently a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant in Year 6. I left school after 'A' levels and worked in banking for 27 years, both in the private and business banking sectors. In the wider community, I have been involved with local scouting for over 40 years and was also treasurer of St Faiths Church until it closed.

I am very passionate about Pottery School and welcome the opportunity to be a member of the governing body. Every child attending Pottery is given the chance to achieve their full potential. All the staff work extremely hard to ensure that this happens, and I would hope that I can bring to the governing body an understanding of how, within the school, we achieve this to help with decisions affecting the future development of the school.