



Chris Holt

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Chair of Governors

I am an experienced premises/facilities manager who has worked in the Education sector for the past 8 years. I am a keen sports fan and am a season ticket holder with Saracens Rugby Club and also attend matches at Watford Football Club and cricket matches at Lords. My wife and I enjoy travelling far and wide and recently climbed Mt Kilimanjaro and visited Botswana and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and Zambia. We also enjoy walking and have spent many holidays in the Alps and Pyrenees.

Enjoys...

➔ Rugby

➔ Travelling

➔ Grandson

➔ Reading



Jo
Barnett



Jo Barnett

Vice Chair of Governors

I am proud to have been part of the Ashfield community since 2012 when my daughter started her school journey. My other children have equally received an excellent education, whilst learning in a nurturing environment. I studied Human Biology at Oxford Brookes university, followed by a PGCE degree. I have worked as a primary school teacher for over 20 years. I love my job and thrive on making a difference to the children I teach! I strive to ensure that Ashfield pupils develop a love for learning.

Enjoys...

➔ Family

➔ Holidays

➔ Cake making

➔ Watching Tennis



Anne
Swerling



Anne Swerling

Local authority Governor

I have been a governor at Ashfield School for six years and enjoy my time with the school immensely. I have recently been made Chair of the Resources & Personnel Committee which keeps me busy!! I live in Bushey and am very lucky to have three grown up children and four lovely granddaughters and as they all live quite near me I have the pleasure of seeing them often. I am also a Church Warden at St Peter's, Bushey Heath.

Enjoys...

➔ Family

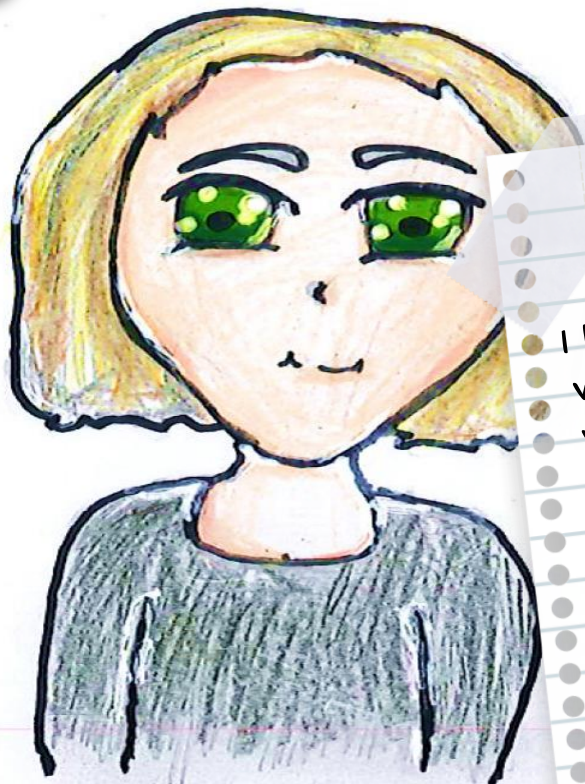
➔ Horse racing

➔ Classic FM

➔ Good book



Fiona
Waloff



Fiona Waloff

Foundation Governor

I have been a Governor since my daughter was at Ashfield some 15 years ago, when I was elected as a Parent Governor, sitting on various committees as well as chairing the committee and being involved in the restructuring of the Board. I currently sit on Resources committee. I am a local childminder having done fostering for the past 9 years. I enjoy my position on the Governing Board and am interested in watching the children grow through education, whilst at the school.

Enjoys...

➔ Family

➔ Childminding

➔ TV

➔



David
Carter

David Carter

Foundation Governor

I am an Elected Councillor and a Justice of the Peace for Hertfordshire. I am a Chartered Engineer and currently work as an Associate Accountant for a local company. I have lived in Bushey for over 25 years, and I am married and have 3 lovely grandchildren. I like cars and I enjoy racing cars and like going to watch them when I can.

Enjoys...

➔ Family

➔ Grandchildren

➔ TV

➔ Racing cars





Emma Desmond

Co-opted Governor

- I grew up in Whetstone and went to school at Haberdashers'. I studied a degree in Classics at Nottingham University, followed by a PGCE in Latin/Classics at Cambridge University. I completed a part-time Masters in Education at Cambridge, alongside teaching, focusing on managing low-level disruption in the classroom. I am a keen swimmer and competed in Synchronised Swimming competitions growing up, before establishing a Synchro club at Nottingham University..

Emma
Desmond

Enjoys...

➔ Family

➔ Water polo

➔ Reading

➔ Restaurants



Usma
Collins



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Parent Governor

I'm passionate about children having the best start in life. I've worked with Charities for over 20+ years, supporting families with complex needs and worked in senior management for a national early year's charity for over 8 years. I now supporting the not-for-profit sector in executive/board roles. I've been a board member for a social housing charity for over 6 years and supported the strategic direction of the organisation, focusing on safeguarding. Supporting Ashfield School to be a place for all children to thrive is hugely important to me!

Enjoys...

➔ Family

➔ Netball

➔ Reading

➔ Music & Dancing





Don Barrell

Don Barrell
Parent Governor

I am passionate about the school community, with children at both Merry Hill and Ashfield. I am on the governing board at both schools, looking to support both individually and see where there is useful synergy between the two. In my day job, I head the national pathways for England Rugby, responsible for the system that helps young players go on to achieve their successes. I am looking forward to working with the school and community going forwards.

Enjoys...

➔ Family

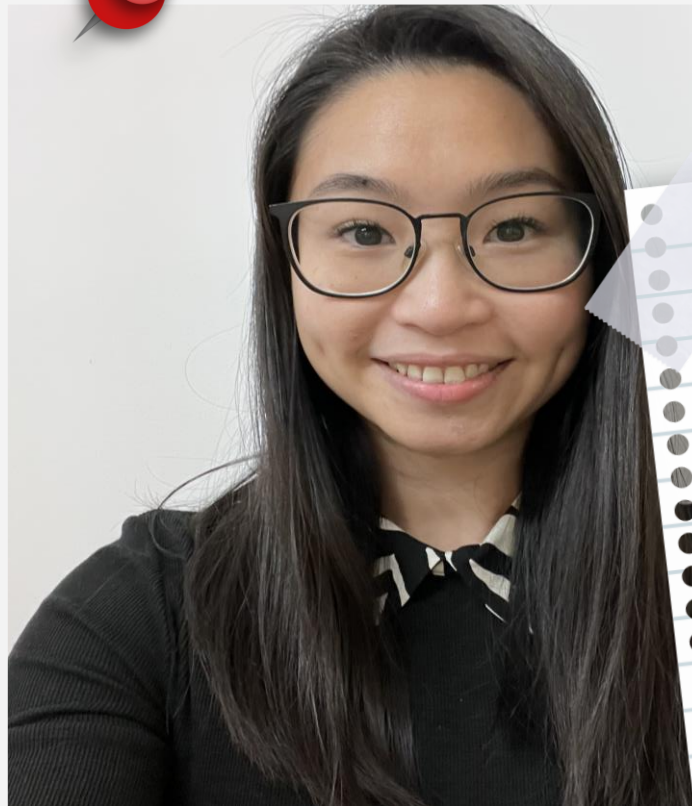
➔ Rugby

➔ Community

➔

➔ ➔

Wai-Ling
Parnell



Wai-Ling Parnell

Co-opted Governor

I am currently a Y2 teacher with ten years teaching experience, spanning from Nursery to Year 4. Through my teaching experience I am currently teaching at Little Reddings School. My reasons for applying to become a governor is to continue giving back to the education system that has given me so much. In addition to this, the opportunity offers me further career development opportunities and the chance to support young people's futures.

Enjoys...

➔ Painting

➔ Crafting

➔ Origami

➔ Travelling

