

## Meet the Governors



### **Keith Coleman (Chair): Parent Governor**

I currently have one child attending Dormansland School and another who has now left the school. I'm passionate about children reaching their full potential, starting with their journey through primary education. I want to ensure that the school maintains its good standard and challenges itself to deliver for the

community it serves.

In my current role I work across several local and central government departments/agencies setting strategic direction and working with my teams to deliver change across multiple programs. I'm aware of the financial pressure schools face and the vision the council has for residents.



### **Alex Sweetlove (Vice Chair): Co-opted Governor**

I have been a qualified English teacher since 1998; previously to that I worked for BBC Westminster on their political news programmes. I worked at Lingfield College as the Head of English for 13 years and then moved to St Bede's in Redhill where I am the KS3 Coordinator for English and PGCE mentor. I have two children who have been through Lingfield College since Nursery and both are now at university. I have lived in Lingfield since 2005 and enjoy being part of the community of Lingfield and Dormansland. I have a passion for teaching and learning, the curriculum and for supporting the education sector. From this standpoint, I very much enjoy my role as a governor at Dormansland Primary. When I'm not teaching, I love to spend time with my black Labrador, Dino, running and yoga.



### **Jenny Ashley: LA Governor**

I have recently retired from the role of Headteacher at an outstanding Surrey primary school. After ten very happy years leading my school and a lifetime career in education, I am eager to continue using my experiences to support a local school. I am passionate about child psychology and the effects of nurture in the early years and have studied this area of education in depth. I, like Dormansland School, believe that learning should put a sparkle in a child's eyes.

My husband and I have recently moved to Marsh Green and are busily settling into our new home and community with occasional escapes to visit our much-loved children and grandchildren in France and Germany.



**Hayley Clark: Staff Governor**

I am delighted to have been appointed staff governor enabling me to support both children and staff at the school. I strongly believe in our school ethos; inspire, nurture, challenge and feel that my experience as a class teacher, as well as my previous leadership and governance experience at my previous school, will contribute to the school development and growth moving forward.



**Marie Langer: Co-opted Governor**

I bring a wealth of experience from a broad range of professional environments, including working for a regulatory body where I was responsible for performance-based oversight of organisations. I have held a senior role in an international corporation, focusing on safety management, have many years of experience teaching in higher education, and currently run my own business. This varied background has equipped me with strong strategic, analytical, and leadership skills, which I am committed to using to support the school's development and success.

My motivation to join school governance stems from a deep passion for teaching and learning. As a qualified teacher, I understand both the responsibilities of the profession and the opportunity it offers to shape the futures of young people. I am committed to using my diverse experience to support and challenge the school leadership for the benefit of all pupils and staff.

I am particularly passionate about inclusivity, diversity, and ensuring equal opportunities for all. Outside of work, I enjoy countryside walks with my dog and keeping active through tennis, yoga, and swimming



**Helen Roe: Co-opted Governor**

I am passionate about teaching and dedicated to enriching children's learning and providing them with the very best opportunities. During my 20-year teaching career, I have been privileged enough to teach at each key stage from Early Years through to A-Level in several different settings. I am a trained musician (I play the flute and play in Croydon Symphonic Wind band) and was Director of Music for 10 years in secondary schools but now I am head of years 5 and 6 at Lingfield College Prep School. I enjoy reading, exercising and musical theatre and I'm really looking forward to getting to know the staff, pupils and parents of Dormansland Primary School.



**Jac Parson: Parent Governor**

I moved to Dormansland in February 2024 with my husband and two daughters and I'm the minister at the Baptist Church. We have been made to feel incredibly welcome and my two girls have settled into school well. We value the real sense of community within the school.

I have a number of years' experience as a governor in both primary and secondary schools and am keen to put that to good use at Dormansland School.

My background is in youth work and as such I care about ensuring children are best supported to achieve their full potential. As a governor I will work hard to support the school in whatever way I can. You may see me around the church and village with my family and our dogs or bump into us at Theme Park as we love to visit them, minus the dogs!