

GOVERNOR PROFILES

Judith Applegarth

I am a Governor elected by Berkswell Charities.

I have over 20 years' experience in education provision, managing capital programmes, school building projects and pupil place provision. I am currently employed by Coventry City Council, I have also fulfilled similar roles in Warwickshire and Staffordshire.

Improving learning opportunities, particularly for children, gives me great satisfaction.

I am also a governor at Richard Lee Primary School in Coventry and an Assistant Cub Leader at Berkswell Scouts.

Reverend Dr Mark Bratton

I am the Rector of Berkswell, St John Baptist and therefore the local parish priest. I lead worship once a week during term time and am Link Governor with teacher responsibility for overseeing the teaching of religious education. I am also a member of the Standards, Staffing and Curriculum Committee.

Claire Farnell

I was elected as Parent Governor in 2013 and am a member of the Standards, Staffing and Curriculum Committee as the EYFS Link Governor. As a full time Mum to our two boys I am continually impressed by the outstanding social and academic education that our children receive at Berkswell. This has inspired me to take a more active role within the school.

My professional career is in Human Resources specialising in recruitment and training alongside employee relations. Furthermore, my educational background studying theatre has lent me the opportunity to gain hands on experience in creative arts within an EYFS and KS1 setting.

I strive for continuous improvement in our school's educational and pastoral successes, and it is a privilege to represent our parents and be involved in the driving future successes for our children.

Selina Forsythe

I am a Foundation Governor, elected by the Parochial Church Council. Whilst my children were at Berkswell School I was Co-Chair of the BSA (now Berkswell School PTA) and responsible for Sunday School.

I have been active on the Governing body for the last 8 years and I am currently Chair of the Standards Staffing and Curriculum Committee. The Committee consists of 9 Governors plus the Head Teacher and our role is to monitor standards in both achievement and progress, certify the curriculum is rewarding and challenging and ensure all children achieve their full potential and thrive during their time at Berkswell School.

My job is in procurement based in Warwick.

John Holmes

I am father to Max in Year 2 and Natalia in FS1 and have lived in the village for 12 years. I have a small business working in power distribution. Most will know me from regular appearances as Santa's elf at the PTA's Christmas fair.

I am a parent Governor and sit on the Buildings and Finance Committee, with a focus on maintenance and upkeep.

Diana Jackson

I am the elected Chair of Governors, appointed as a Foundation governor, and am also on the Standards, Staffing and Curriculum Committee which focuses on teaching and learning. It also supports the school leadership team in monitoring the progress and attainment of pupils. I am the Link Governor for mathematics and support the school in all its activities.

My career background is in education, as teacher, Mathematics Adviser and School Improvement Adviser for Warwickshire Education Authority. I have also led the Y6/Y7 Transfer initiative between County Primary and Secondary Schools.

I know many children at the school through their links with Junior Church at St. John Baptist, where I am Churchwarden. My grandsons have all enjoyed their time as pupils at Berkswell C of E School.

Julia Porter

I became the Local Authority Governor at Berkswell Primary school in June 2012. I am an experienced Chartered Accountant and work at the University of Warwick as a Finance Manager. I have lived in the village since 1997 and my two children both enjoyed their primary schooling at Berkswell. A member of the Strategic Group and Chair of the Buildings and Finance Committee, my primary area of responsibility is Finance.

Penny Stableforth

My name is Penny Stableforth and I am a Governor elected by the Berkswell Charities. I have lived in Berkswell for 40 years and I retired as a Hospital Consultant last year.

I am the Link Governor for science which I have enjoyed and where I have been able to use my scientific background to help develop the subject. I am also the Link Governor for literacy which I have found very stimulating and I am impressed by the teaching and care shown by all the teaching staff.

Stuart Whalley

I am a Foundation Governor, elected by the Parochial Church Council. My daughter and son attend Berkswell School. I have previously served as a Treasurer for the Berkswell School PTA. I am a member of the Buildings and Finance Committee with responsibility for the School Energy management. I run a Leadership and Organisational Behaviour Consultancy based in Kenilworth. As a child I attended Berkswell School and Church and experienced the Christian values that both shared. I value my role as a governor, ensuring the School continues guiding its pupils, to live its positive values and reach for their best.