

Who are Lavant CE Primary Governors.....



Chris Hawker – Co-opted Governor
Chair of Governors, Chair of Finance & Staffing

Chris has over 20 years of governor experience as well as an established career in IT. He sits on the governing body of a few other local schools including those in academies, which gives us a good insight into what others do. He is also co-chair of West Sussex Governor Association, which looks to support and represent Governing Bodies across the county. Chris brings a wealth of knowledge on our statutory and compliance obligations and is lead Governor for Health & Safety, as well as Safeguarding.



Sally Steel – Parent Governor
Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Premises, Health & Safety

Sally is certainly passionate about improving the outcomes of children at Lavant CE Primary. Her background is in Business Analytics, so she has a critical eye for the data and is always asking plenty of challenging questions to the leadership team. She's keen to listen to what children have to say and can often be seen busying herself in daily school life to better understand challenges they face. Sally is also lead governor for Fire Safety & Website so is regularly surprising staff & pupils with fire-drills.



Caroline Rickard – Local Authority Governor
Chair of Teaching & Learning

Caroline is a qualified teacher with a passion for maths. As well as tutoring, Caroline spends lots of her time mentoring and assessing trainee teachers. She brings with her many years of governor experience and has a strong focus on ensuring pupils' progress and professional development of school staff. Caroline is also our representative Governor on recruitment panels to ensure we find the very best staff!



Mel Belderson – Parent Governor

Mel has been a governor at Lavant for 7 years. As our special educational needs & disadvantaged pupils lead Governor, she's always challenging school leaders to ensure they are striving to support every child to achieve. With a background in finance, Mel also keeps an eagle eye on the budget as well as school maintenance.



Lorraine Foster – Co-opted Governor

With Lorraine's background in early years education, as well as having five grandchildren attend Lavant CE Primary, she's a strong advocate that we are always putting pupils at the heart of every decision we make. Lorraine is our Queen of policies and procedures, verifying school keeps on top of them. With a love of spreadsheets and a career in procurement, Lorraine challenges to ensure we obtain great value on school spending.



David Peart – Parent Governor

With three children in Lavant, he's not short on being given plenty of advice on how to improve school! Using this first-hand experience, he's able to consider the impact of our decisions across the wider school community. David's corporate business background is a great asset to the governing body as we continue to strengthen our strategic vision. Since joining as a Governor, David has also been analysing our existing contracts and spend, as well as championing safer routes to school.



Claire Spencer – Staff Governor

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Mrs Spencer for successfully completing her final teacher assessment year. Claire has been part of school life for many years and brings an unwavering passion for excellent teaching to our discussions as a Governing Body. As we look strategically to improve school, Claire continues to champion pupil outcomes and ensure our decisions have consideration for staff well-being.



Michael Semple – Foundation Governor

We are currently in the progress of recruiting a new Governor, Michael Semple. As Foundation Governor, Michael, who is a retired minister, will look to ensure that Lavant CE Primary maintains its distinctive Christian ethos. He will also take the lead on ensuring pupils receive a robust religious education and have regular opportunities to participate in collective worship. Michael comes with a formidable background in teaching as well as being a retired Ofsted Inspector. We look forward to working with him.



Revered Martha Weatherill – Incumbent of Lavant Parish Churches

Martha is Rector at Lavant Churches and plays a vital role strengthening our relationship with the Diocese of Chichester as well as the local parish churches. Her community links ensure we think strategically about the future of the school and its importance of serving the local community. Martha and her team are frequent visitors to school, supporting our church assemblies.



Adrian King – Ex Officio Headteacher

Mr King has been on the Governing Body since taking the Headship at Lavant CE Primary in 2011. He can only be described as someone who gives it everything to better the lives of every single child that comes to school. Thanks to his openness and desire to continually improve, we as a Governing Body have plenty of challenging conversations.



Carol Skeens – Clerk to the Governing Body

As well as a valuable Teaching Assistant at Lavant CE Primary, Carol is also Clerk to the Governing Body. Carol's role is to provide the Governing Body with professional advice on governance, constitutional and procedural matters. She is also meticulous at recording everything we say in meetings (and it's a lot), as well as ensuring all our documentation and correspondence are up to date and distributed. We couldn't do without her!



Dan Taylor – Observer

Whilst not a member of the Governing Body, Mr Taylor attends our meetings as an observer and provides us with lots of detail on what the senior leadership team are busy improving in school.

VACANCIES



We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mr King.

Rupert Burton – Co-opted Governor