Governors Profiles



Name: Matt Divall

Role: Safeguarding Governor

Type: Co-opted

Committee: All

Term of Office: October 2022 - October 2026

With my two children 1 attending Hatch Ride School and 1 having transitioned to Edgbarrow and my wife Clare being a schoolteacher, I have an awareness and an interest in the day-to-day life of pupils and schoolstaff alike.

I have previously run my own business teaching judo in over 20 schools in and around the Home Counties and have experience of building relationships with staff, pupils, and parents alike. More recently I have worked as England National coach and Programme Manager for British Judo and now work for British Triathlon as England Pathway Manager. I hope that my experiences and skills developed through working in two National Governing Bodies and working with a variety of stakeholders will be an added value to the Board of Governors.

Through building strong relationships, collaborating with Governors, Head Teacher, and staff alike, and putting the interests of our pupils and Hatch Ride first, I truly believe we can continue to build strong foundations and make a difference for future generations of our school.



Name: Colin Haley

Role: Development and Health and Safety

Type: Co-Opted

Committee: All

Term of Office: March 2021 – March 2025

I served as an officer in the Royal Navy for 25 years, in a wide variety of ships sailing to all parts of the world. I also undertook several leadership appointments and worked in the Ministry of Defence for the Secretary of State during my naval service. I then career changed and became a primary school teacher in Dorset. After being a Year 3/4 class teacher, I became a teaching head of a small rural school for several years. I then moved to Suffolk as Principal of a 2-form entry primary academy. My final post in teaching was as Executive Head of 2 schools on the

My final post in teaching was as Executive Head of 2 schools on the Isle of Wight before I relocated to be with my partner in Crowthorne. As a primary school head teacher, I was passionate about providing the opportunity for all pupils to succeed and making the learning experience as much fun as possible – the happier the child the more successful the learning.

I now support Hatch Ride as part time support staff/lunch time supervisor and on the governing body.

I currently serve on both the Education and Outcomes, and Business and Assets committees.

I enjoy running, cycling, gardening and still like to travel far and wide when I can.



Name: Gemma Hayward

Role: Vice Chair of Governors and SEND

Type: Parent Committee: All

Term of Office: November 2018 – November 2022

I've worked locally for the NHS for over 12 years. Working in the care sector has taught me the value of empathy, compassion and people skills. My current role requires me to listen, understand concerns and issues and convey these to others sensitively, as well as communicate complex information in a clear, accessible way and provide strategic oversight. I believe these skills and my experience make me an approachable and effective governor.

The values of the staff, parents and students at Hatch Ride are something to nurture and sustain. I'm committed to upholding, modelling and promoting the school values and being a positive and enthusiastic voice. I'm passionate about supporting the school to be the best it can be for all of our students and their families.

I have two children at Hatch Ride and have been a parent governor for the school since November 2018. In June 2022 I was elected Vice Chair of our Local Governing Body.

Name: Clare Huxtable

Role: Early Years Foundation Stage

Type: Co-Opted

Committee: All

Terms of Office: July 2021 – July 2025

I have worked in education for past two decades, mainly in secondary settings but in a broad range of roles. I am very passionate about fostering creativity and a love of the arts in schools and I hope to bring my comprehensive knowledge of learning and education to the governor role. This is my first governor appointment, and I am looking forward to supporting the vision of both the school and the Corvus Trust.

I teach part time at Edgbarrow School. and live locally with my husband and two boys, 9 and 5.



Name: Helen O'Connell
Role: Wellbeing
Type: Staff Governor

Committee: All

Term of Office: February 2021 – February 2025

I joined Hatch Ride as a member of staff in September 2016 taking on the role of LSA. I am also parent to two children, both of whom attended Hatch Ride and have moved onto Secondary and Sixth Form Education.

As a parent I was really impressed by the school culture, staff, values, community spirit, and inspired to become an LSA. Prior to having my family, I worked for various companies in customer support roles, administration, and as an IT Trainer. The experience and skills gained from working and being a mum have helped me as an LSA to assist the children to learn and gain confidence. Every child is unique, and they certainly don't learn in the same way! I have always been fascinated by the learning process and am privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of their primary school journey. Being an LSA is very important to me, and I enjoy all aspects of the role, whether it be general class support, one to one, group work or interventions. All the staff constantly monitor the welfare of the children and support them in all sorts of ways. I am one of three LSA's to have just completed a Nurture Assistant course, so that we can plan and deliver programmes of support for children to develop their emotional literacy, social and friendship skills.

I took on the role of Staff Governor in February 2021. My role is to represent the staff views, and to be the point of contact between them and the governing body. I sit on the 'Education and Outcomes' committee and the 'Business and Assets' committee. I am also the link Governor for Wellbeing, looking at how the school supports mental health and wellbeing of the children, staff, and parents.

I am proud to be part of such a fantastic school, as a governor I hope to make a positive contribution so that it can become even more successful than it already is!



Name: Olga Lysoivanova

Role:

Type: Co-Opted Committee: All

Term of Office: October 2022 – October 2026

I am a Corporate Accountant in a global company working on internal Projects in close relation with Project Managers, Leadership Team, and non-finance personnel. Since the company goes through structural changes and major implementation processes, I have got a wide experience in recreating old processes in the newly implemented systems as well as creating new structures and processes to reflect the business needs. I also look after the Finance Pack for the Change Delivery Team making sure they are on track with their Finances.

Having this experience and becoming a co-opted governor in 2018 I am looking forward to helping Hatch Ride School with the Finances,

being part of the Finances Committee, and any other key questions within the responsibility of the Governor body. I have been raised in Belarus, the country that has a completely different educational system to the UK and hoping to use that experience to help to see things from a different perspective.

Being a parent of two children with only a year age gap between them I am very much interested in discussions and decisions around learning scoop, techniques and anything that might addto the benefit of children and make the learning journey properly exciting. My children are bilingual, and this area of development is an interest to me as well.

On a personal level I am very easy to approach and have interests in photography and travel.



Name: Sharon Oliver
Role: Pupil Premium
Type: Co-Opted

Committee: All

Term of Office: July 2022 – July 2026

For around twenty years I worked in various roles within local authorities to facilitate access to education for children who were at risk of not receiving suitable education for a variety of reasons. I worked closely with Headteachers, governors, young people, and their families to remove barriers that prevent some children from accessing full time suitable education. My experience has led me to believe that schools with the most inclusive ethos, that support the most vulnerable in our society, also do the best for the other children in their care. I also believe that a strong partnership between school, families, and the community gives a developing child a secure and lasting foundation.

When we moved to Crowthorne recently we were struck by the lovely community feel of the area and I was keen to become involved. I'm married with adult children who have flown the nest and a lockdown puppy who keeps us on our toes. I'm looking forward to my role as a governor at Hatch Ride School and to supporting the school family in any way that I can.



Name: Helen Thompson Role: Chair of Governors

Type: Co-Opted

Committee: All

Term of Office: January 2022 – January 2026

I am a Primary School Teacher responsible for the teaching of 4- to 11-year-olds. I have a B.Ed. (Hons) in education and before having my family I was a full-time class teacher, staff governors and a senior leader. At present I have responsibility for supporting staff PPA time and geography.

I have been a member of the Hatch Ride School Governing Body as first a parent governor and then a co-opted governor and finally a chair since 2018.

I sit on both the 'Education and Outcomes' and the 'Business and Assets' committees and I am actively involved in communication between the Trust and school.

It is important for me to be involved with Hatch Ride, as the direction and leadership of the school (of which governors play a huge and important part) will only serve to ensure our children get the best possible education and start in life. As well as being a governor I also do the admin for my son's football team and swim squad. With so many people willing to give up their time to lead our children in the community I feel it is important to support them in places that can leave them free to do that.



Name: Jo Sparrowhawk
Role: Headteacher

Governors who have left in the past 12 months Neil Fleck James Lansley

Clerk to Governing Body: Pat Arthur, who declares Clerk to Governors at Hillside Primary School, Wokingham.