

Crofton Schools Academy Trust

Governor Profiles



Samantha Bartlett

Samantha was elected by the Junior School parents as a Parent Governor and has voting rights on the Finance & Premises Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Junior School Governing Body, Samantha was elected as a Parent Governor in 2016. Samantha's Term of Office ends on 19th January 2020.

Current/past work experience

Samantha is a Chartered Accountant with 20 years experience in finance and audit. Samantha has been working as an internal Audit Manager at a large Housing Association for the past 10 years and has a sound understanding of strategic and operational risk management in the third sector.#

Relevant wider skills

Samantha was the Treasurer on the Infant School PSA for 5 years, advising and supporting committee members on finance and risk matters during which the committee raised significant funds for school projects.

Committee Membership

Samantha serves on the Finance & Premises Committee and a member of the Junior School Governing Body

Links to the School and the Local Community

Samantha lives in Petts Wood and both her daughters attend CSAT.

Business Interests

None



Natasha Charles-Lewis

Natasha was elected by the Junior School Local Governing Body as a Community Governor and has voting rights on the Finance & Premises Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Junior School Governing Body, Natasha was elected as a Community Governor in 2014. Natasha's Term of Office ends on 31st August 2018.

Current/past work experience

Natasha is the Financial Controller for a private hospital in London. Prior to this role Natasha worked at an NHS Trust, two charitable organisations and various Private Sector companies.

Relevant wider skills

Natasha has a wealth of experience in Healthcare, Not for Profit and Private Sector.

Committee membership

Natasha serves on the Finance & Premises Committee and a member of the Junior School Governing Body. She is also Link Governor for Numeracy.

Business Interests

None.



David Figg

David was elected by the Junior School Local Governing Body as a Community Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion, Finance & Premises, Personnel, Staffing & Professional Development and Audit & Risk Committees and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Chair of Governors Crofton Juniors and Director of Crofton Schools Academy Trust, Community Governor. David's Term of Office ends on 14th November 2018

Current/past work experience

David worked for IBM for 24 years as a Project Manager before retiring in June 2012. During this time he worked for many major Retailers and Financial Institutions. Prior to working for IBM he had worked for a number of major companies in various IT capacities.

Relevant wider skills

During 2012 David was a Games Maker in the Paralympics and performed in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Olympics. David loves all sports and still plays golf, bowls and racketball. David has run three half marathons and is in training for the next run.

Committee Membership

David joined the Governing Body in 2010 and has been Chair of the Juniors Governing Body since November 2012. As part of his responsibilities he chairs the

Local Governing Body at the Juniors; sits on the three Governance committees of Finance, Curriculum and Personnel and the Board of the Academy Trust. David is the Responsible Office and chairs the Audit and Risk Committee.

Links to the School and local community

David lives in West Wickham and has been married for over 40 years and has two daughters who had a wonderful education in Bromley and David wants to ensure that the children of Crofton Juniors get the same opportunities.

Business Interests

None.



Wendy Giles

As Head of School at Crofton Infant Wendy has voting rights on Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion, Finance & Premises, Personnel, Staffing & Professional Development and Pay Committees at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Wendy is the Head of School at Crofton Infants.

Current/past work experience

Wendy has been in education for 18 years. She has experience of working across different local authorities in a number of schools that have all had their own individual strengths and unique challenges. Her experience in education is across both Infant and Junior school settings and ranges from 2 form, 4 form and now 6 form entry provision. Wendy is also a Nationally Accredited SENCo.

Business Interests

None.



Liz Griffiths

Liz was elected by the Junior School parents as a Parent Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Liz is Chair of the Curriculum, Standards, Achievement and Inclusion committee incorporating Safeguarding for the

Junior school. Liz's Term of Office ends on 7th December 2015.

Current/past work experience

Liz has been a primary school teacher at Orchard Primary School since 1997 and, in the 18 years she has been teaching, she has taught various classes within both Key Stages and EYFS. Currently, Liz is a KS1 Maths Intervention teacher. This involves designing a specific curriculum to support children's understanding of Key Skills within Year 1 and 2.

Relevant Wider Skills

Liz was voted in as a parent governor of Crofton Infant School in 2009 where she initially took up the position of Chair of the Curriculum Committee. In 2011 Liz also became a governor of Crofton Junior School and took over as Chair of Curriculum in 2014. Since then she has been responsible for this role across both schools.

Committee membership

Liz is joint Chair of the Curriculum, Standards, Achievement and Inclusion committee, a member of the Junior School Governing Board.

Links to the School and the local community

Liz was briefly on the Board of Directors before becoming a member of the Raising Achievement Group. She attends termly meetings with other primary schools within our Borough. She is also Link Governor for Literacy.

Business Interests

None.



Claire Harris

Claire was elected by the Infant School parents as a Parent Governor and has voting rights on the Personnel, Staffing & Professional Development Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Infant School Governing Body, Claire was elected as a Parent Governor in 2014. Claire's Term of Office ends on 12th October 2018.

Current/past work experience

Claire was a Senior Employment Tax Consultant at KPMG LLP. She entered the graduate training programme and gained ATT and CTA qualifications. Her role before leaving to be a stay at home mum involved managing various teams and liaising with clients, QCs, and HMRC. Claire specialised in termination payments, employment status and HMRC Investigations.

Committee membership

Claire serves on the Personnel, Staffing and Professional Development Committee.

Links to the School and the local community

Claire regularly volunteers at Crofton Infant School as a parent helper in the classrooms, on school trips and also as a chaperone for the PSA.

Business Interests

None



Tricia Jolly

Tricia was elected by the Junior School Staff as a Staff Governor and has voting rights on the Finance & Premises Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Tricia is Assistant Head at Crofton Academy Trust, currently Year 3 Manager and a Staff Governor. Tricia's Term of Office ends on 26th November 2016.

Current/past work experience

Tricia has held the position as Assistant Head for one year and previous to this was class teacher, Lead Practitioner and NQT mentor. Tricia has had experience in a variety of different schools.

Before entering the world of education Tricia was a CIMA accountant and worked for a variety of companies, most recently working a Risk Controller in a dealing room of a corporate company.

Relevant wider skills

Tricia has worked with London Challenge to support some local schools with leadership and the curriculum which helped to improve Ofsted grades. During her role as NQT mentor, Tricia developed the NQT training programme across the Infant and Junior school. In addition she worked closely with the Bromley Schools Collegiate to establish a Primary School training programme for training teachers in Bromley schools.

She is currently studying for a Master's Degree in Education with the Open University.

Committee membership

Tricia is a member of the Finance and Premises committee and attends the Full Governing Body meetings.

Links to the School and the local community

Married with two sons living in Chelsfield, Tricia herself attended both Crofton Infant and Junior School.

Business Interests

None.



Naureen Khalid

Naureen was elected by the Junior School Local Governing Body as a Community Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Naureen joined the Governing Body in June 2015 as a community governor. Naureen's Term of Office ends on 15th June 2019.

Committee membership

Naureen serves on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding and Inclusion Committee.

Current/past work experience

Naureen was a University Lecturer before giving up work to start a family and is now a property investor and developer.

Relevant wider skills

Naureen has maintained her links with education by volunteering as a governor. She has over six years experience of governance and also serve as a governor at a local secondary school. Naureen is the author of a blog about governance (<http://www.governingmatters.wordpress.com/>) and has spoken at various governance conferences. She is also the co-founder of [@UKGovchat](#) which is a Twitter forum where governors can share best practice, discuss current governance and education related topics and connect with governors from across the country.

Links to the School and the local community

Naureen's links to the community date back to 1998 when she moved into the area. These links are further strengthened by her working as a Unit Helper in the local Guides unit. Director and Member, Newstead Wood School Academy Trust.

Business Interests

None



Susie King

As Head of School at Crofton Junior Susie has voting rights on Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion, Finance & Premises, Personnel, Staffing & Professional Development and Pay Committees at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Susie is Head of School at Crofton Juniors.

Current/past work experience

Susie has held the position as Head of School for two years and previous to this was Assistant Head for 8 years at both the Junior and Infant School. Susie has had experience in a variety of different schools in many areas of the country and also Australia.

Relevant wider skills

Susie has worked with London Challenge to support some local schools with leadership and the curriculum which helped to improve Ofsted grades.

She represents Crofton Junior at a variety of different forums such as Bromley Schools Collegiate, the Bromley Academy group and our Raising Achievement group where it is possible to work with other local Head Teachers.

Committee membership

As Head of School Susie attends all Committee and Full Governing Body meetings where she reports and discusses, with other Governors, the developments and achievements of the school.

Business Interests

None.



Polly Lockwood

Polly was elected by the Junior School Local Governing Body as a Community Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion and Personnel, Staffing & Professional Development Committees and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Junior School Governing Body, Polly was appointed as a Community Governor in November 2013 and is now a Local Authority Governor. Polly's Term of Office ends on 14th October 2017.

Current/past work experience

Polly had a career in HSBC Bank before moving her work closer to home and is now a Claims Handler for a local insurance company, working part-time in the Home Claims department.

Committee membership

Polly serves on the Personnel, Staffing and Professional Development and the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding and Inclusion Committees. Polly is the SEN Link Governor.

Links to the School and the local community

Married with a son who attends Crofton Junior School, Polly is also serves on the PTA and helps in school when the opportunity arises.

Business Interests

None.



Stuart Searle MRICS

Stuart was elected by the Junior School parents as a Parent Governor and has voting rights on the Finance & Premises Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Junior School Governing Body Stuart was elected as a Parent Governor in 2014. Stuart's Term of Office ends on 14th October 2017. Stuart was elected Vice-Chair of the Junior School Governing Body in June 2015.

Current/past work experience

Stuart is a Chartered Building Surveyor and has worked in the building industry since 1997. He graduated from Greenwich University and has worked for a number of multi-disciplinary property consultants where he reached Partnership level before starting his own business in 2007. He currently runs his own Building Surveying Practice which focuses on sustainability and energy conservation.

Committee membership

Stuart serves on the Finance & Premises Committee.

Links to the School and the local community

Stuart has been married to Joanne since 2004, who is a teaching assistant at Crofton Infants School. He lives in Locksbottom with his two sons who attend Crofton Junior School.

Business Interests

Owner of a Building Surveying firm and his wife Joanne Searle is a TA at the Infant school.



Neville Secular

Neville was elected by the Infant School parents as a Parent Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion and Finance & Premises Committees and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Infant School Governing Body and was elected as a Parent Governor in 2014. Neville's Term of Office ends on 12th October 2018.

Current/past work experience

Neville is a Solutions Architect in Broadcast and Digital Media for Ericsson. Prior to that, he has worked in telecoms and IT for over 20 years.

Committee membership

Neville is Chair of the Infant School Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion He also serves on the Finance and Premises committee.

Links to the School and the local community

Neville has 2 children in the School and also enjoys supporting the PSA.

Business Interests

None



Tim Smythe

Tim was elected by the Junior School parents as a Parent Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion, Personnel, Staffing & Professional Development and Pay Committees and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

A member of the Junior School Governing Body, Tim was elected as a Parent Governor in 2013. Tim's Term of Office ends on 24th January 2020.

Current/past work experience

Tim currently works for a bank in an Operational Risk Management role. His background is IT Service Management based, where he has worked in multiple roles within the Financial Services industry. After leaving school, Tim attended the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, and has degrees from Portsmouth and Northampton universities.

Committee membership

Tim is joint chair of the Academy Trust Personnel Committee, sits on the Local Governing Body for the Junior School and is a Director of the Academy Trust.

Links to the School and the local community

Tim has 2 children currently at Crofton; 1 in the Junior School and the other in the Infant School.

Business Interests

None.



Stephanie Younger

Stephanie was elected by the Infant School staff as a Staff Governor and has voting rights on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding & Inclusion Committee and at Full Governors meetings.

Position on the Governing Body

Staff Governor on the Infant School Governing Body.
Stephanie's Term of Office ends on 29th September 2019.

Current/past work experience

Stephanie is an Early Years Teaching assistant currently working in the Reception Year at the Infant school. Stephanie has worked at Crofton for the past 12 years and has held several positions across EYFS and KS1 as well as a short spell in the office!

Committee membership

Stephanie was elected as a staff governor at the beginning of 2015 where she currently sits on the Curriculum, Standards, Safeguarding and Inclusion committee.

Links to the School and the local community

Stephanie has been married to Paul for 23 years and both her children attended the Crofton schools.

Business Interests

None.