

Wychbold First and Nursery School

Meet our Governing Body

Chair of Governors

Mrs Eleanor Sinton

Eleanor is a retired headteacher who has worked within primary and first schools in the Droitwich and Worcester area. Having had links with Wychbold for fifteen years she is committed to seeing that all our pupils receive the highest quality education possible. Within the governing body she is responsible for safeguarding, attendance and pupil premium.

Register of Interests: None

Committee membership: School Improvement and Achievement Group (SIAG), Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP), Headteacher Performance Review

Vice Chair of Governors

Mr Andy Reading

Andy has lived in Wychbold for the last 8 years with his wife and daughter. Since his daughter started at Wychbold he has supported the “Friends of Wychbold” and is keen to support the school further. With a degree in modern languages and a professional life predominantly in recruitment he brings extensive human resources experience to the governing body. He has worked for the last 12 years for Alexander Mann Solutions, a Market Leader in Recruitment Process Outsourcing. He has also worked with a number of blue chip clients whilst with AMS across a variety of industries, including Finance, Insurance, IT, Telecoms, Welfare to Work, & even Brewing! Andy is keen to try and put something back into the local community as most of his recent years have been very much dominated by his professional career. He is passionate about the value of education for our children to give them all the best possible start in life. He is taking responsibility for monitoring Early Years education at Wychbold. Andy is a parent governor.

Register of Interests: Alexander Mann Solutions

Committee membership: Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP),

Chair of the School Improvement and Achievement Group

Mrs Rachel Kiernan

Rachel has been a parent governor since February 2015. She works for Worcestershire County Council as a Project Manager in Children’s Services Education. She is Chair of SIAG, her key responsibility as a governor is Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), she meets with the school SEND

coordinator each term to review the SEND provision in the school. Rachel is passionate to ensure the school is focused on the children, their welfare and progress.

Register of Interests: None

Committee membership: School Improvement and Achievement Group (SIAG),

Chair of Finance, Staffing and General Purposes Committee

Mr Tom Falshaw

Tom joined the Governing Body as he felt it was important, alongside his professional career, to be making a contribution to the community. Working for Jaguar Land Rover he brings commercial experience to the Governing Body, particularly with regards to Human Resources and strategic planning for the future. He is also taking responsibility for monitoring English in the school. He has a young son and daughter and so is also keen to see that the education of the next generation is as good as it can possibly be. Tom is a Community Governor.

Register of Interests: Jaguar Land Rover

Committee membership: Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP),

Parent Governors

Mr James Leah

James, who has three children at our school, joined the Governing Body to help maintain and increase the success of the school. With many years' experience in retail management at a senior level he brings experience of a fast moving business to the group. He has skills in managing large teams of people, implementing change and maximising efficiency. He has taken on responsibility for monitoring Health and safety for the Governing Body.

Register of Interests: Fat Face Retail, Parish Councillor

Committee membership: Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP),

Mrs Keelie Leahy

Keelie was elected as a parent governor in November 2016. She has a child in Robins class and an older child who is a former pupil of the school. Keelie brings experience as an operational manager in a leading childcare business with skills in managing projects, financial control, childcare quality and recruitment of nursery teams. She is particularly interested in helping to establish our expanding nursery in its new building wanting this to be the best it can for our children.

Register of Interests: Busy Bees Nurseries

Committee Membership: Vice Chair of School Improvement and Achievement Group (SIAG),

Local Authority Governor

Ms Sarah Thompson

Sarah joined our Governing Body because she wanted to support her local school and make a difference, using her professional skills for the community. With many years' experience in banking at a senior level she brings considerable financial expertise to the group. She has skills in planning and being accountable for the performance of large branches of the bank. She is taking responsibility for monitoring maths within the school. She is committed to making a difference for our children.

Register of Interests: Barclays Bank

Committee membership: Vice Chair of Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP),

Staff Governors

Mrs Claire Howitt - Headteacher

Register of Interests: None

Committee membership: School Improvement and Achievement Group (SIAG), Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP),

Ms Melanie Warren

Melanie is in her third year of teaching at Wychbold where she is the class teacher for the Year 4 Eagles class. In school Melanie is responsible for the development of 'pupil voice' and will be speaking of this interest at the Governing body. She is committed to the children of Wychbold and wants the best for them.

Register of Interests: None

Committee membership: School Improvement and Achievement Group (SIAG),

Community Governors

Ms Paula Knight

Paula joined the governors in November 2016 as a co-opted member. As a resident of Wychbold Paula is very interested in the development of her local school and wants to play a part in the local community. From her back ground in banking she has skills in finance but she also has an interest in the curriculum and standards achieved in school. She is looking forward to helping the school move forward and develop.

Register of Interests: Barclays Bank

Committee membership: School Improvement and Achievement Group (SIAG)

Mr Peter Fisher

Peter joined the Governing Body in November 2016 as an Associate Governor becoming a community governor in September 2017. He has a child in Starlings class. His motivation is to give back to the school community and to share his talents in managing large infra structure projects particularly as we are involved in building works and the development of a new classroom. He wants to help in the improvement of the environment for all our children.

Register of Interests: Highways England

Committee Membership: Finance, Staffing and General Purposes (FSGP),