



Governor Profiles

Parent and co-opted governors



Catherine Phillips (Chair of Governors) was elected as Chair of Governors in July 2019 but has been a governor at Chandag Infant School for four years before this.

She has two children: a daughter who has already moved on to the Junior School and a son in Year 2. She works as a manager in the NHS, bringing experience of promoting high quality within a tight budget.



Sarah Church (Vice Chair) was appointed as a governor in November 2019 and Vice Chair in September 2020.

She has a daughter in Year 2 and a son who has recently moved to the junior school. Sarah has been teaching PE in secondary education for 14 years during which time she has held leadership positions gaining experience in curriculum development, pastoral care, assessment, teaching and learning.



Stuart Mcmanus was elected as a Governor in September 2015.

Stuart has 2 children at the school and his eldest son now at Chandag Junior school. He works as a General Manager of a Hotel.



Andy Muncer has been a Governor at Chandag Infant School for 6 years. During this period he has seen both of his daughters successfully go through the school and onto the Juniors.

He is a Civil Engineer, currently a General Manager at Kier Ltd. His professional role involves full profit, loss and Health and Safety accountability on frameworks valued at c.£25m. Andy has applied his business knowledge as a member of the Finance and Buildings Committee and currently serves as Chair of the Health and Safety committee.



Simon Butler has been a governor at Chandag Infant School for the past 12 years and has carried out many roles in that time. He has 3 children, all of whom attended and have since left the infant school with one attending Wellsway, one at Wellsway Sixth Form and one at University in Cardiff. Simon worked for British Gas for 26 years but now runs his own business.



Vicki Bowery joined Chandag Infant School governing body in November 2019. She has one child currently at the school and one has recently moved to the junior school. Vicki has been a primary school teacher for 17 years, starting her career teaching in Wales for six years and then moving back to her roots in 2007 to teach locally in BaNES. She has spent her career teaching Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and is currently Deputy Headteacher at a large Primary School in BaNES. She is also a local authority moderator for end of key stage one assessments.



Hannah White was appointed as a parent governor in November 2020. She has one child in Reception and another attending a nursery setting. She has worked as a statistician/data analyst at the Office for Students (the higher education regulator) for over 10 years.



Lucy Knowles joined Chandag Infant School governing body in November 2020. Lucy has a son in Year 1 and a daughter who will be hopefully starting Chandag in September. She has been a primary school teacher for 15 years. She currently works part time as a Reception teacher and member of SLT at a school in South Bristol. This role involves leading and supporting a team of Nursery and Reception staff who look after and teach 120 children. She has a real passion for Early Years education that is child centred. Lucy has joined the team with the desire to support and challenge another school and build on skills she developed whilst being an Early Years Moderator. She especially enjoys the prospect of having this role in a school that plays such a big part in her community and children's lives.



Clare Anderson joined Chandag Infant School governing body in November 2020. Clare has a daughter in year 1. She is a Primary and CELTA qualified teacher who has taught in settings from an early years immersion kindergarten in Taipei to lecturing EFL at UWE. Clare has taught in schools in Thailand, Taiwan, Colombia and Korea, and Bristol as well as Edinburgh for 6 years before moving to BaNES. She is a photographer and lifelong yogi who loves the outdoors and is keen to promote physical and emotional well-being in young people. She has worked in research at Universities of London and Bristol and has experience supply teaching in the local area. She takes photographs and teaches online.



Phill Duffy was appointed as a parent governor in November 2020. He has a child in Reception year at Chandag Infants. Phill is a Software Developer by profession - currently building his own business, he has been on the senior management team at an international law firm, where they were required to make substantial decisions. He is interested in the running of a school, the decisions that need to be made and the compromises. Phill is happy to put his ideas forward and to listen.

Staff governors



Annie Smart has twenty-five years' experience of both teaching and senior leadership roles across the primary phase in 5 different schools. She became the Headteacher of Chandag Infant School in January 2014. Chandag Infant School is an incredibly happy school and the children go on to their next stage well prepared and keen to continue their learning. Our broad, balanced and rich curriculum ensures that the children have memorable, inspiring experiences throughout their important infant years. All of our staff care deeply about every child in the school and emotional and physical wellbeing, as well as academic success, is a priority.



Kerrie Willington is a Teacher Governor who has been teaching for just over ten years in Primary settings. She is currently the Deputy Head Teacher and shares the role of English Curriculum Leader in the school. She teaches in Y1 and has a real passion for developing the curriculum, using pupil voice, policy, and research. Kerrie has experience in teaching within both the English and Welsh curriculum and enjoys regular visits to see her family, in her home county of Pembrokeshire.



Claire Gurnsey is a Teacher Governor who has been teaching for 21 years. She began her teaching career in the West Midlands but has been in Keynsham for the last 10 years. She is currently a class teacher in Reception and English Curriculum Leader in the school. She has taught across all Primary age ranges but has found a real passion for teaching in the EYFS with a strong belief in the methods of Planning in the Moment and Child-led learning. Claire has a daughter who went through Chandag Infant School and is now at Chandag Juniors following in the footsteps of her Dad and Auntie who attended both schools in the 1980's.