

# The Petersfield School Governors



## **CHAIR: Mike Robinson**

I spent most of my childhood in Petersfield and later returned to raise my own children in this lovely area.

I have worked in IT for the majority of my career, always focused on delivering solutions to clients that really make a difference, so I know that communication skills and continual learning are fundamental to success in adult life.

I'm proud to contribute as a governor so I can help the next generation of local children prepare to thrive in this ever-changing world.



## **VICE CHAIR: Judith Squires**

I have recently taken early retirement having spent over 35 years in the IT industry, the last 20 at IBM in a variety of programming, project management and management roles.

All of my children attended TPS and I'm now excited to become a school governor and utilise my business experience to help support pupils and staff deliver the best education possible.

In my spare time, I'm heavily involved in Petersfield Cricket Club and also volunteer at Citizens Advice Bureau.



## **Katie Bickerstaffe**

I am an Oxford educated and CIMA qualified professional, with a highly personable approach. I studied at TPS during the 2000-2010 period, with very fond memories of the school.

My main experience relevant to the governor role lies in controls, policy, and audit. My particular subject interests are mathematics and science.

I live locally to the school and enjoy gardening and cooking in my spare time.

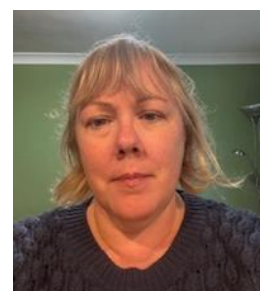


## **Emma Crowley**

I have a child at The Petersfield School who is now in year 8.

I have worked in children's healthcare for over 25 years and for me, children's wellbeing and education is paramount.

I am interested in supporting children's education from a strategic platform. I am very pleased to be able to support The Petersfield School community.



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## **Ebru Erdal**

As an NHS GP with over 15 years' experience—working in a diverse community and specialising in paediatrics, child health, and mental health—I see daily the challenges children and families face. I'm passionate about ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive, and that's why I took the role as parent governor at The Petersfield School.

I work closely with young people and families, supporting them through physical and mental health concerns, as well as the lasting impact of the pandemic on emotional wellbeing and school attendance. I understand just how crucial a nurturing, ambitious school environment is for children to achieve their full potential.

I also bring the experience of previously running a business as a GP partner, involved in leadership, strategic planning, finance, and staff management. I bring further experience in safeguarding, collaborative decision-making, and working under pressure to ensure the best outcomes.

As both a parent and a professional, I care deeply about education and the future of our children and I work to support The Petersfield School in continuing to be a place where every child can flourish.



## **Helen Gilliatt**

I have worked in education for 23 years and at TPS for the past 12 years as an Art Technician and now an HR Assistant, before that I was a jewellery designer.

I attended TPS back in the 1970s and both my sons attended the school.

I have been the Associate Staff Governor for the past 18 months and have particularly enjoyed being involved with staff and student wellbeing and the student council. From September I will also be taking on the role of Health and Safety Governor. I am passionate about highlighting the contribution that Associate Staff can make to a child's education.

Outside of school I am a very competitive “Good For Age” runner and my greatest achievement has been qualifying for the past three World Championships.



## **Lauren Hassan-Hicks**

I have worked at TPS for the last 8 years as a History teacher. I am passionate about education and the overall student experience ensuring that all students have the opportunity to flourish.

I have lived in the Petersfield area for the last 9 years and now have two young children who go to school locally.

In my spare time I enjoy sports such as swimming and running and setting myself challenges to aim for.



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## **Sheena Hulme**

I graduated from Sheffield Hallam University with a 2:1 honours degree in Recreation and Business Management. From there I joined Apollo Leisure (UK) Limited as a Manager within their Theatres Division and managed a variety of theatres including Britain's largest theatre Hammersmith Apollo.

In 1999 I joined the New Millennium Experience Company, the organisation charged with building and operating the Millennium Dome and I moved on to join Openwide International where I managed the Theatres and Attractions Division.

In 2012 I joined the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) as a City Operations Manager responsible for setting up the safe and efficient operations for the external areas surrounding the North Greenwich Arena.

For the past 8 years I have been the Operations Director and Deputy CEO at New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth. One of the highlights in the programme is the spectacular bi-annual TPS production performed by the exceptionally talented students.



## **Vanda Leary**

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## **Nicky Morgans**

I'm a passionate team leader with over two decades of experience supporting children, families, and young people in Portsmouth.

Starting out as a Personal Adviser helping NEET young people find education and job opportunities, I've grown into roles that focus on collaboration, problem-solving, and making services work better for those who need them most.

Today, I lead Business Support across safeguarding and the youth justice team in Portsmouth, driving efficiency and supporting frontline staff. I'm also a proud School Governor, committed to keeping children safe and helping TPS thrive.

Outside of work, I love creating art and handmade crafts, which I sell at local fairs, and spending time with my family.



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## **Patrick Perez-Lopez**

My family and I have lived in Petersfield for five years; long enough to know how lucky we are to have such good schools in and around the town.

My work in energy, agriculture and academia has taken me to many countries - not all of which provide the educational opportunities that our children have. Nevertheless, the importance of investing in education is, thankfully, acknowledged in most cultures.

I am grateful to have an opportunity to contribute, in a local school, towards the education and wellbeing of our young people, together with the wellbeing of teaching and other staff at TPS.



## **Cameron Prince**

I work for an international accountancy firm and specialise in offering Audit & Assurance services to a diverse set of clients.

Having joined the local governing body to contribute to the development of young people in our community, I strongly believe that our education is vital to our social development and future career and educational prospects.

Outside of work, I enjoy travelling, running, and playing golf.



## **Sophie Tyler**

I have been teaching at TPS since 2017. I joined as Head of RE in my third year of teaching and have since added Head of Sociology to my responsibilities. I am grateful for all of the support that the school has given me professionally in my career.

I am passionate about ensuring that education focuses on the whole child experience and providing them with the skills to flourish in our forever changing society.

Life can be pretty busy, but I have two beautiful daughters who keep me grounded and remind me to focus on the simpler things in life.

Outside of work, I enjoy visiting different places and skiing with my husband.

