GOVERNOR PROFILES 2016-17

Andrew Wing



Andy is a partner in a firm of Chartered Accountants, also able to draw on his legal background to bring a particular skill set to the board of governors.

Andy has three children, one who has now left the school and moved up to Tavistock College, one currently at the school and the youngest will start in a couple of years.

Caroline Down



Caroline has been a governor at Tavistock Community Primary School for many years, having first joined in the summer of 2005. She took leave for a few years after the birth of her third child in 2009 and rejoined the governing body in 2014, becoming Chair in 2015.

She has one daughter still at the school and two children who have been through the primary and have now moved onto Tavistock College. She is also the SEN governor and has a personal interest in that area as two of her children have additional needs.

Caroline is also a qualified youth worker and has worked with young people for over 15 years- she currently works for Devon Youth Service as part of the community team and as a youth worker at Tavistock Youth Cafe.

In her spare time she walks her dog Nelson who can often be seen outside the school gates, (the hungry looking black Labrador). She loves Star Wars, supports Tottenham and she has been known to bake the odd cake or two.....

Chloe Matthews



Chloe has been a parent governor since 2013, and has 2 daughters, the eldest is now at Tavistock College and her youngest attends Tavistock Community Primary School.

Chloe has a BA (honours) in Sociology and her genuine interest in people is reflected in her role on the curriculum & data committee and her commitment to recruitment at the school.

Darren Newland Darren is currently the Practice Manager of Abbey Surgery in Tavistock and Bere Alston. He has worked in the NHS for over 11 years navigating the political changes etc. Previously he worked in retail for travel agents and covered lots of training areas such as marketing, finance, human resources, human psychology, effective management, sales techniques, Train the Trainer and so on which also helps with his current governor role as Deputy Chair and Chair of the finance, personnel & premises committee. Darren also holds a National Community Sports Leader Certificate and is a first aider including Basic Life Support which includes been trained to use defibrillators. Darren has two children aged 12 and 9 at Tavistock College and Tavistock Community Primary School and outside of work has two dogs that means he walks a lot and is fast becoming a taxi driver for all the sport activities his children undertake. **Emma Taynton-Young** To follow Fiona is now in her 8th year as a serving governor. Her daughter attended the school and has just completed her GCSE's at Tavistock Fiona Arundel College. Fiona has a wealth of experience in administration and debt collection and has worked in Local Government for 25 years before leaving to work for a housing association, she left there in April 2015 to come to work at the school as an Administrator. Fiona's main interests are sport and keeping active, especially, cycling, swimming, running and walking. Fiona's biggest sporting achievement is completing the Ride London 100 mile sportive with her husband and she has also competed in other local cycling sportives and triathlons. Helen joined the governing body in 2014 as a parent governor and chairs the curriculum & data committee. She has twins who attend **Helen Leaver** the school and has an interest in the arts and history. Helen has over ten years experience in office management which involved customer service training, recruitment and auditing, and now runs her own art business.

Helen Summers	Helen is a teaching assistant at the school and is trained in NVQ 2 CCLD (Children's Care Learning Development). Helen has been a manager of a clothes shop between 1985-1993, and is a mother of two children. Helen enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and watching films.
Kate Sparshatt	Kate is the Executive Director of Plymouth Arts Centre. Prior to that she was Executive Producer of Gecko, an award-winning physical theatre company which tours extensively internationally and for whom she remains as a non-executive Director. Formerly a consultant in business planning and management to the cultural sector, Kate has worked with clients across all art forms. Kate has an MBA from Exeter University and previous work includes Tate Gallery, Victoria and Albert Museum, Department for Culture Media and Sport, HiPACT (Nigeria) and University of Plymouth.
	Kate has two children at the school, in years 1 and 2.
Liam Cottrell	Liam has over 15 Years of experience as a Legionella Control Specialist and over 3 years as a local business owner. He has a Nebosh General Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety and full membership of the Water Management Society (WMsoc). Liam is also a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator and his personal interests include photography, sports and spending time with his wife and three young children.
Louise Clements	Louise has a BSc in Sociology & Social Psychology and is a Communication Consultant for businesses, government organisations and charities including public consultation, internal communications and change management.
	Louise has created, run and sold a number of businesses in the tourist, communications and property sectors, is a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Youth Panel dealing with offenders under 18 and a Lay Member of the Bar Standards Board tribunal panel. Louise was also a member of the Advisory Board for the Exeter Public Relations degree delivered at Marjon.

Lynnette Selbie



Pat Dickinson



Lynnette has a BEd Hons degree from Exeter University via Marjons – subjects English and History. Her family background is in small business – greengrocery, confectionery, wines and spirits, cinema and theatre.

Lynnette's teaching career since 1987 includes: Reception to Secondary age English and TEFL – in Egypt (tri-lingual reception children at private school), Sicily (secondary English and adult TEFL), Newham (10 years at 2 schools including roles as SENCo and Deputy Head - amalgamation of an infant and junior school to a 600 pupil school, 7 years as DHT Plymouth and first headship in Cornwall.

Lynnette joined Tavistock Community Primary School in 2009 and her personal interests include reading, theatre, dance, walking the dog and skiing. She is also a mother of one daughter at University.

Pat has a BA Combined Hons degree in Psychology, English and Education and a PGCE in Primary Education-3-11 years. She also holds a Principal's Training Centre Certificate of International School Leadership and was an Early Childhood co-ordinator in St John's International school, Waterloo, Belgium 1984-2009. With over 30 years of teaching experience including one year teaching English at secondary level, and two years teaching 9-10 year olds in UK, then 26 years teaching 3-7year olds in an International School in Belgium, Pat also has experience of teaching and planning Primary Years' Programme of the International Baccalaureate.

Pat is also a member of the European Council of International schools Accreditation team (to inspect, compare and assess standards in International schools), and for 10 years a member of the European Council of International Schools Early Childhood Committee (for ages 3-8 years. During that time, Pat chaired the committee for 3 years and organised 3 (tri-annual) Early Childhood Educational conferences for approximately 500 multi-national teachers and speakers.

Pat has presented workshops on introducing Student –Led Portfolio Conferencing at St John's International school, Belgium, the joint ECIS/NESA conference in Dubai and at St Dominic's International school, Portugal.

Personal interests include reading, theatre and travel and she volunteers as an Educational Assistant and Receptionist at Cotehele NT, is a member of St Andrew's Whitchurch, WI and of Tavy District U3A. Pat is also a mother of two sons and grandmother to two granddaughters aged 15 and 5.