

GOVERNING BOARD – WHO’S WHO

PAULINE BAILEY, LA GOVERNOR, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

On retiring in 2011 following a long career in education as a Teacher, Senior Leader and Local Authority School Improvement Adviser and Manager I was delighted to be accepted as a Local Authority Governor at Offley.

I wanted to use my experience by getting involved with the governing body of the school and to try to help with its development and long term future. I became Chair of Governors in 2013 and, like all our governors, have a specific link role – mine includes Maths, Science, Pupil Premium and Exclusions. Having more spare time enables me to enjoy time with my family and enjoy hobbies such as cooking, embroidery and travel.

STEVE PRICE, CO-OPTED GOVERNOR, VICE-CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I have lived in Sandbach for 20 years, having relocated with my family from the South East at the behest of my employer. Both my children attended Offley, broadening their education, moulding their development and allowing them to transition successfully to secondary school, and then university. I am a career railwayman, currently working in London for a trade body that represents most of the passenger operating companies.

Having been a governor at Offley for over 12 years, I have seen the School develop and maintain its successes, a fact recognised by parents through the number of applications for places. I am proud to serve as a co-opted governor.

A co-opted governor is appointed by the Governors on the basis that they can “... contribute to the effective governance and success of the school”. As such they add to the skills and experience of elected parent and staff governors. In my case, I am able to contribute especially in areas such as governance and planning, and to support the Chair of Governors and the Chairs of Committees to discharge their responsibilities on behalf of the Governing Board. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is my specific link responsibility with the School.

Outside of work and School, and apart from the commute into London most days, my hobbies include walking the dog, reading, DIY and acting as a financial Trustee.

PHILIPPA CARRINGTON, CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

I am currently a co-opted governor and member of the Teaching & Learning Committee. I initially joined the governing body as a Parent Governor in February 2011, where I served on the Finance & Personnel Committee for three years. I have two daughters at Offley, one each in KS1 and KS2.

As an adult learner, I am changing career to practice law after 20 years as Director of HR, most recently in children's services. I now teach part-time on the LLB programme at the University of Manchester, where I am also completing a PhD in law.

I am committed to helping the school achieve high standards and deeply support the Offley drivers. I believe that these are vital to support our children develop as well-balanced, engaged and resilient thinkers, who will continue to enjoy learning throughout their life and strive to become the best that they can be.

REV THOMAS SHEPHERD, CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

I have been an ordained priest in the Church of England since 1995 and associated with several parishes in south Manchester before being made vicar of St Mary's, Sandbach in 2008. I am 63 years old and have worked for the Health Service in Birmingham and as a Secondary School Teacher in Bury and Salford before ordination. I am married with three children. As a busy parish priest, I see a great number of the local population day by day in various different situations and brings an open interest in all aspects of community life. As a School Governor, I am pleased to serve the school and to make the church available as often as possible to encourage both children and adults to experience it with delight and affection.

STEVE BENNETT, CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

I am proud to be a lifelong "died in the wool" Sandbachian and was a former pupil of Offley back in the 1980's. I am employed as a Valuation Surveyor by a large local utility provider on a variety of infrastructure projects throughout the region ranging from the very large to the very small.

I have been a Parent Governor for almost 2 years and help to provide the link between the governing body and the parents in the playground. I have the responsibility of the PE subject link.

I am the father of 2 children - Joshua (7) and Eliza (4). Joshua already attends Offley and Eliza will be starting her time at Offley from September 2015. I have been married to Sarah for 13 ½ years and outside of my work and governor commitments I manage an age group team at Sandbach United Football Club as well as being a season ticket holder at Crewe Alexandra.

NATASHA FORRESTER – STAFF GOVERNOR

I have been teaching since 2004 and have enjoyed teaching in both KS2 and KS1, which I currently lead. My reasons for becoming a staff governor are twofold as I also have two children that attend Offley Primary School.

I am glad to be part of the governing body in order to make a positive contribution to Offley. One of my key roles is to provide a link between staff and governors as well as giving a staff perspective on issues discussed.

I enjoy being actively involved in decisions made in order to continue to move the school forward. It is great to work in our strong governor and staff team to provide high quality and enjoyable learning experiences for our pupils.