




Ashton Vale Primary School – Local Governing Body - Governor Profiles

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<p>Mrs Kathy Clarke Co-opted Governor & Chair of Local Governing Body</p> 	<p>I have been on the Governing Body for over 5 years. My children attended Ashton Vale Primary.</p> <p>My background is in finance and I am very happy to be Chair as I want to contribute to the future of the school.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact with any comments, queries or suggestions at LGBChair@ashtonvale.bristol.sch.uk</p>
<p>Mrs Samantha Bird Co-opted Governor & Vice Chair of Local Governing Body</p> 	<p>My name is Samantha Bird (Sam) and I joined the Governing Body in October 2016. I was born in Ashton Vale and have always loved it here, we are a unique community geographically and the school is at the heart of that.</p> <p>I am a parent of 2 children who attended the school and a former pupil myself, so I wanted to become involved in shaping the way the school is run.</p> <p>I work part time as the Finance Administrator for the local pre-school and in my spare time I sit on a few other local community groups.</p> <p>I am currently the treasurer on the PTA, having previously covered the chairperson position for a year and prior to that I was the secretary. Being part of the PTA is something I really enjoy as not only do we raise money to benefit our children at the school, it's also a great way to make friends.</p> <p>I am also the chair of the Ashton Vale Community Centre committee which again is very rewarding.</p> <p>As a Governor, I am particularly interested in Reading as it is such an important skill and powerful tool. I hope to aid the school in raising the attainment of pupils in reading and also their enjoyment.</p>



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<p data-bbox="108 241 606 347">Mr Stuart McClelland Executive Head Ashton Vale & Luckwell Primary Schools</p>  A portrait of Mr Stuart McClelland, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is smiling slightly against a plain, light-colored background.	<p data-bbox="678 241 1468 313">Stuart became Head at Luckwell Primary in 2018 and led a hugely successful team effort to improve teaching and results.</p> <p data-bbox="678 349 1468 526">He is an experienced leader, having taught and led in several Bristol schools over many years and he is now Executive Head Teacher (September 2020), sharing his skills, knowledge and expertise with other schools in the Gatehouse Green Learning Trust.</p>
<p data-bbox="108 1099 303 1171">Mr Brad Arthur Head of School</p>  A portrait of Mr Brad Arthur, a man with short brown hair and a light beard, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression against a plain, light-colored background.	<p data-bbox="678 1099 1468 1205">I am excited to begin a new challenge at Ashton Vale as Head of School and be part of establishing an amazing school that offers children the best possible opportunities to learn and develop.</p> <p data-bbox="678 1209 1468 1386">I grew up and trained as a teacher in Australia before making the UK my home twenty years ago. In this time, I have worked in a number of diverse settings both in Bristol and in London which allowed me to work with amazing staff, children and families that have helped shaped the teacher I am today.</p> <p data-bbox="678 1391 1468 1601">I have been a school leader for half of my career, both as a Maths and Curriculum Specialist Leader in Education and for the past seven years, a Deputy Headteacher. This position has allowed me to lead school improvement over a number of settings, creating exciting, purposeful curriculum that all children can find both success and pride in.</p> <p data-bbox="678 1606 1468 1883">Our children learn best in a safe, engaging environment with a curriculum that is both suited to their needs and challenges them to their full potential. My role as Head of School will be to ensure that all of the children of Ashton Vale are given the opportunity to best learn, develop and grow their love of learning, in order to leave primary school with the skills, attitude and knowledge to find success, enjoyment and the chance to choose their own futures.</p> <p data-bbox="678 1888 1468 2024">Ashton Vale Primary School is built around values of community, partnerships with parents and a rich and diverse curriculum that I will continue to develop and grow in order to strengthen what makes our school an amazing place of learning.</p>



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<p>VACANCY Parent Local Governor (elected by parents)</p>	
<p>Mrs Suzanne Hayes Parent Local Governor (elected by parents)</p> 	<p>I joined the governing body in May 2013.</p> <p>I am a parent of two children; one child is at the school, the other has moved on to secondary school and I have been a Parent Governor for seven years.</p> <p>Over the years I have enjoyed taking on an active role in supporting the education and welfare of students at Ashton Vale.</p> <p>I am a secondary school teacher, so have a particular interest in the transition from KS2 to KS3 and have a good understanding of the teacher/teaching perspective.</p>

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<p data-bbox="108 248 363 349">Miss L Green Staff Local Governor (elected by staff)</p> 	<p data-bbox="678 248 863 275">Year 6 Teacher</p> <p data-bbox="678 282 1458 383">I have been working at Ashton Vale Primary School for 15 Years and I love my job. I am the Literacy & Music lead. I also help with the School Council.</p>
<p data-bbox="108 1144 349 1207">Mrs Nancy Horlick Co-opted Governor</p> 	<p data-bbox="678 1144 1458 1279">I joined the Governing Body in 2016, having two children at the school. They both loved attending Ashton Vale Primary and have now moved on to secondary school. I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the school.</p>

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<p data-bbox="108 241 355 309">Mrs Brenda Wright Co-opted Governor</p> 	<p data-bbox="678 241 1476 347">I joined the Governing Body of Ashton Vale Primary School as an LA Governor in December 2013 and was subsequently appointed as a Co-opted Governor in November 2017.</p> <p data-bbox="678 387 1476 454">I am Asda Bedminster's Community Colleague and part of my role is to work and support schools in our local community.</p> <p data-bbox="678 495 1476 562">As part of my Governor responsibilities, I am a member of the Standards Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="678 602 1476 669">It gives me great pleasure to be a Governor and support the school in any way I can and I very much enjoy my visits.</p>
<p data-bbox="108 1171 355 1238">Mrs Lizzy Stephens Co-opted Governor</p> 	<p data-bbox="678 1171 1476 1238">I moved to Ashton Vale last year and have recently joined as a Co-opted Governor (September 2020).</p> <p data-bbox="678 1279 1476 1384">My working background is in Theatre, with a wide range of experience in Education and performance – specialising in Creative Learning.</p> <p data-bbox="678 1424 1476 1529">Inspiring Learning, being creative and following curiosities in a safe and supported environment are all important to me; alongside kindness and helping others.</p> <p data-bbox="678 1570 1476 1637">I am looking forward to supporting Ashton Vale Primary School as a Governor and getting to know this lovely community.</p>

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<p>Mrs Louisa Baxter Assistant Head Teacher & Associate Member</p> 	<p>I am delighted to be Assistant Head at Ashton Vale Primary and a member of the senior leadership team. I have worked at Ashton Vale school for a number of years both as a teacher and subsequently as a member of the SLT.</p>
<p>Mrs Sharon Bennett Clerk to Governors</p> 	<p>Hello, I'm the clerk to governors and have been supporting the governing body at Ashton Vale Primary for eight years. For many years I worked at an executive board level, supporting the chairperson, CEO and directors, as well as involvement in company secretarial aspects, of a Bristol-based Plc organisation. During the years my children were at preschool, I worked in a voluntary role as secretary of the parent management committee and subsequently was involved as a member of the PTA at Ashton Vale Primary School. Helping others, compassion, honesty and fairness are all important to me. I love learning new things and have a passion for the natural world and natural history. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family; I'm very lucky to have two lovely children who attended Ashton Vale Primary School and have now moved on to secondary school.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me at LGBCLerk@ashtonvale.bristol.sch.uk</p>

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