

East Hunsbury Primary School

Governor Profiles – February 2022



Louise Whaites – Co-opted Chair of Governor

I joined the Governing body in 2019 after many years of Governance in other schools, and was appointed Chair in December 2021. I am currently employed by another school in the Trust and as such have been part of NPAT from its inception. I currently have responsibility for Early Years and Pupil Premium. I am married with 5 children with one still at school in year 11. We have lived in a number of different places, and I therefore have experience of different education systems and approaches to learning. I very much appreciate the inclusivity of East Hunsbury Primary School and enjoy being part of this caring, welcoming school.

Jayne Hoskins – Co-opted Governor & Co-Vice Chair of Governors

I joined EHPS as a Governor in 2017 and took on the role of Safeguarding Governor in September 2018. In July 2021, I then took on the Chair of Governors role and in December 2021 became Co-Vice Chair. I have two children at the school, currently in years 3 and 5. My professional background is in the education sector, part of a multi-academy trust. I hope to use my sector experience and skills in communications, marketing and operations to support and assist the school with the challenges that they face now and in the future.

Rita Arundel – Headteacher

I am Head teacher at East Hunsbury Primary School and work closely with all members of the Governing Body on all matters relating to school improvement. This includes school self-evaluation, improvement planning, observing, teaching and learning, budgeting, behaviour and attitude, parental partnership, premises and health and safety. The Governing Body supports, monitors and challenges me at all levels to help us become a great school.

Lauren Clements – Co-opted Governor & Co-Vice Chair of Governors

I joined the Governing Body as a Governor in October 2017, just after my eldest son started at the school in Reception. In December 2021, I became Co-Vice Chair. I now have 2 children at the school, in year 2 and year 4. I have been a teacher for 15 years and I currently teach at Bugbrooke Community Primary School. I hope that my knowledge of education and passion for providing all children with high quality education and school experiences will be of benefit and aid the school in its continuing development.

Rebecca Hayhurst - Staff Governor

I really enjoy working at East Hunsbury Primary School and I have been a teacher here for 17 years. Currently, I teach in Year 4 but previously I have spent some time in Key Stage 1, teaching Year 1 and Reception. I am the geography subject lead within the school and love to see the children getting really engaged with their learning in all subjects. Outside of school, I love to paddleboard and spend time at the beach with my family and our dog. I joined the school Governors very recently and I am looking forward to bringing my knowledge of the school and the learning that takes place within, to the board of Governors.

Anne Leverton – Co-opted Governor

I joined EHPS as a co-opted Governor in 2019 and am a member of the Finance committee. My professional background is as a CIMA-qualified Accountant, primarily working in global companies, and have an MBA whilst now currently pursuing a full-time MA Education at the University of Hertfordshire. I very much look forward to assisting supporting East Hunsbury Primary School and the Governing Body with my business skillset.

Subhash Jani – Co-opted Governor

I joined East Hunsbury Primary School (EHPS) as a co-opted Governor in June 2021. I retired in Oct 2019 after a career within Financial Services/FINTECH industry. I was Senior Change/IT Project Manager with Systems Development Life Cycle experience within Financial Services Institutions like Barclays Bank, Worldpay and Coventry Building Society, acting as a bridge between Technology and the business areas. I am very much looking forward to assisting and supporting EHPS and the Governing Body in whichever way I can using my project management and IT skillsets.

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Hanna Castle – Parent Governor

I joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor in February 2022. I have a daughter at EHPS in Year 2. I wanted to be a parent governor to support the school to continue to improve. I have worked in children's safeguarding and education for the past 15 years. I have particular interest in S.E.N and children's mental health. I feel that my experience will benefit the school and support the already excellent work being undertaken and help drive it forward.

Rebecca Davis – Parent Governor

I joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor in February 2022. My family and I moved from Northumberland to East Hunsbury in September 2020 (I am originally from Northamptonshire). I have two sons at East Hunsbury Primary School in Year 4 and Reception. They are both really enjoying their time and learning is coming along so well, as well as making lots of new friends and really enjoying the school. I feel that the school works well as part of a team to bring out the best in their pupils. I am currently completing an online course through the college in children's mental health and how best to support them and understand. I think this is extremely important and could assist in class activities to help children express their emotions perhaps through play/music or writing as well as many different ideas. I work part time in an office with a varied role, which includes dealing with the church finance and working alongside the treasurer keeping finance up to date and where we are spending and also trying to raise money. I have also been part of my eldest son's previous school in their reading scheme for early years and a volunteer to read with children or listen to them. East Hunsbury Primary School is a fantastic community for everyone and has so much to offer.

Jitesh Patel – Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor in February 2022. I have a background in Chartered Engineering, with significant experience managing the Engineering and Project Management functions of large manufacturing business, mainly in the Food Industry. My motivation for becoming a school Governor, well it's a common phrase, but we have all heard "product of our environment". I could not believe any more in this. Since watching both my children grow through the EHPS and the local area, it's clear to see how true this is, especially when I compare it to how different school was during my primary days. To be in a position where I could help improve and strengthen this concept is a strong motivator for me, and one close to my personal values.

I have watched both my children grow and develop through EHPS, and if anything, thankful and appreciative for the impact the school has had and continues to, on the positive development of our Children. I see this as an opportunity to make EHPS even better, therefore motivating me to support EHPS through this position. Being of an engineering mind, creative, analytical, changing and questioning, I hope to have a very positive impact on any challenges I can support the school with.