










Houghton Regis Primary School

Meet our Governors 2016/17

<p>Mrs Bernice Waite (Head Teacher)</p> 	<p>I feel very privileged to have taken up the post of Headteacher at Houghton Regis Primary School. I have held the post of Assistant Head and have also lectured in Colleges. I am originally from Leeds and am married with one daughter and a beautiful granddaughter who I love spending time with. We have 2 golden retrievers who enjoy a good long walk.</p>
<p>Mrs Jackie Mew</p>	<p>I have been involved with Houghton Regis Primary School since my eldest attended the Nursery in 1995. I was an active member of the PTA, including holding the post of Chair during my children's attendance at the school and have been on the Governing Body since 2006 and have the pleasure of becoming the Chair this year. I work for Central Bedfordshire Council within Housing Services and have a background in Policy, performance management, financial management and information technology.</p> <p>Whilst not originally from the area, I have lived the Houghton Regis/Dunstable area for almost 30 years. I have two children, although they have both grown up, with my youngest away at university. I spend my free time watching rugby union and enjoy needlework, as well as going to the gym.</p>
<p>Mrs Lisa Lee</p>	<p>I have worked in Primary schools for the past 14 years and have taught children from ages 4 – 9. I have held a number of roles during my teaching career so far from Key Stage leader to SendCo and I have co-ordinated a variety of subjects.</p> <p>I feel privileged to be a parent governor at Houghton Regis Primary School and I feel very excited about the future of the school and what it has to offer every child. I have 2 children who currently attend the school and I have enjoyed watching them develop due to outstanding teaching. In my spare time I like to spend time with my family and friends, read, go to the cinema and keep fit.</p>
<p>Mr Dan Fennell</p>	<p>I have worked in the Independent Education sector for the last 12 years. I started out by managing the letting of the School facilities, a role which allowed me to understand the financial and community benefits of maximising School facilities. My current role as a Bursar allows me to fully understand the level of work involved in ensuring the School operates as parents, pupils and staff expect it to on a daily basis. I have a keen interest in ensuring school funds are spent wisely and making sure school facilities are a safe place for everyone on site.</p> <p>I am married with two children and have lived in Houghton Regis for 6 years now. My greatest enjoyments come from spending time with my family, listening to music, playing guitar and attempting to play golf.</p>
<p>Mr Mark Drury</p> 	<p>This is my second appointment as a parent governor having previously been parent governor at my older daughter's school in Earls Barton Northamptonshire. I have also previously been involved in youth work, having been leader in charge at a youth club on a voluntary basis for 8 years and also sitting on the county executive committee for clubs for young people Northamptonshire.</p> <p>I work as a civil servant at a senior manager level and have involvement with adult education. Before becoming a civil servant I was a self-employed carpenter. I have therefore tried to use my skills from both my past and current work to help the school move forward by sitting on the subcommittee for premises, personnel and pupil discipline.</p>

<p>Mr Adam Coles</p>	<p>For the past 5 years I have held the dual roles of Managing Director of a local engineering company, and Head Of European Sales & Marketing for a Public Listed Company in Singapore. It has been my pleasure to serve as Governor for HRPS since 2015. I decided to join the governing body and offer my support and experience on Finance, Strategic Planning, Target Setting and Facilities after witnessing first-hand the positive effects, both academically and as individuals being pupils at HRPS had on my sons.</p> <p>The last 18 months have been an eye opening experience seeing all the hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at HRPS that goes into making sure the school is a wonderful environment for our children both academically and pastorally, and assisting our children to fulfil their potential. The target from everyone within the school family is to go from strength to strength and continually strive to improve and I'm proud to be part of the team. Apart from trying to keep fit, my enjoyment away from work is spending my time with my wife and our 2 boys.</p>
<p>Mrs Samantha Glasper</p> 	<p>I have been a teaching assistant at HRPS for 6 years and am currently studying BA Applied Educational Studies with a view to teaching in the future.</p> <p>I am married with 3 children and have lived in Houghton Regis all my life. At the weekends we enjoy spending time on our boat as a family.</p>
<p>Miss Karen Smith</p> 	<p>I have been in teaching for 17 years and I love teaching the little ones, my speciality is SEND and early years.</p> <p>I have two little boys aged 5 and 1, as a family we enjoy walks in the park and days out.</p>
<p>Mrs Pauline Spalding</p> 	<p>I have worked in HRPS for 23 years, my roles have ranged from volunteering in classrooms, dinner lady and Teaching Assistant. I have worked for a number of years on a one to one basis with SEN children, and now work alongside the SEN co-ordinator, a role I find very fulfilling. I have recently completed Safeguarding Children in Education training.</p>
<p>Mr Andrew Perkins</p> 	<p>I have lived in Houghton Regis since 1990. I have been involved with education since my daughter was at our school when I was a Parent Governor before becoming a Co-opted Governor, having responsibilities as a member of Premises, Health & Safety, Performance Data and Pupil Discipline subcommittees. I formally was a governor at Kings Houghton Middle School and remain on the governing council of Houghton Regis Academy.</p> <p>All governors have different skills and experience with which to help the school. My background is as a Senior Business Analyst for the Post Office and is in problem solving, critical thinking, strategic planning and IT. I therefore hope I can add value to our school in my role as a governor. In my spare time I'm a keen photographer.</p>
<p>Mr James Noel</p>	<p>I have lived in and around the local area my whole life and indeed attended Houghton Regis Primary School myself in the 80's - from nursery to final year.</p> <p>After university, I've worked in various marketing roles within the Retail & Financial Services sectors for the last 15 years. Previous roles have seen me head up Customer Communications & Client Management Teams, and now I currently hold the role of Customer Engagement Director in a large privately owned multi-national Financial Services company based in London.</p> <p>I took the decision to apply to join the Governing Body as I could see a lot of hard work going into the school and wanted to see if I could be of assistance. My role is the Local Education Authority Governor and I've extended my support & experience to the Finance, Senior Management Target Setting and Physical Education</p>

	<p>Committees. I aim to use the core values from my career in my role as Governor, with the intention of giving the children have the best possible educational & enjoyable experience during their time at HRPS, so they leave us well prepared for their next venture in life.</p> <p>From the beginning, it's clear that the core vision of everyone involved with HRPS is to continually improve every year, and I'm happy to be part of this dedicated team going forward.</p> <p>Away from work, I enjoy spending my time with my wife & 2 boys, as well as being the Chairman of Dunstablians Rugby Club, the Under 6/7 age group Coach and I continue to be a keen rugby player, as I have been for the last 30 years.</p>
<p>Carol Wood</p> 	<p>I have worked in Education for 16 years both in primary schools and also in higher education. It has been my pleasure to hold the post Clerk to the Governing Body for 3 different schools.</p> <p>Working in schools gives me great satisfaction, seeing the children grow and progress while supporting the whole structure working behind the scenes is rewarding and fills me with admiration for the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, all working towards making a difference to the lives of our families and children.</p> <p>I moved from Leeds to Milton Keynes in 2013 and was pleased to secure another position in a Primary School. I am married and have two children and a small dog, I enjoy travelling, gardening and reading and am currently trying to master the art of skiing.</p>