

HADLEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHIES, DATES OF OFFICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Jo Lee (Co-opted Governor– 24/02/2019-23/02/2023)

Chair of Governors, Chair of Staffing Committee, and on Curriculum Committee. Responsible for Member Governor Forum.

I originally became a parent governor in November 2013 and was re-elected as a co-opted governor when the Governing Body was reconstituted in February 2015. I have also been the Vice-Chair of Governors since September 2014, and was elected as Chair of Governors in February 2019. I am the parent of four boys, including one at Hadley Wood School, one in secondary school, one at university and one who has left university and is now working, and so fully understand the importance of an all-round primary school education and its role in preparing children for the transitions ahead. In my career, I have led organisations through strategic change in both the energy and charity sectors, and I am currently leading a major change programme at Sue Ryder (a charity which provides palliative, neurological and bereavement support in England & Wales). I therefore bring organisational growth, strategic planning, and people development skills from my professional background, alongside my drive and experience as a parent, to my role on the Governing Body. I am committed to delivering our school vision through a values-based education, to ensure every child will leave being confident, capable and caring as a result of the education and support provided by Hadley Wood School.

Guy Cecil (Co-opted Governor – 19/11/2019-18/11/2023)

Vice Chair of Governors - Chair of Finance Committee and Vice Chair of Premises Committee. Responsible for Training and Development and Member Governor Forum

Having had three children pass all the way through Hadley Wood School I have been involved with the school for over twelve years and I hope I will remain involved for some time to come. I was elected as a parent governor in 2015 and since then have been involved with the Finance Committee, which I currently chair, and Premises Committee, as well as becoming the lead Governor for Governor Training and Development. Some of you may know me through my work as the Friends of Hadley Wood School treasurer, a position I held for five years, and one that gave me a thorough understanding of the intricacies and unique difficulties concerning the funding of our school, as well as the relationship between the parents, the school and the Governors. As a magistrate I work in the community in North London and work to build positive links between the young and our legal system.

Ann Evans (LA Governor - 01/09/2016-31/08/2020)

On Premises, Finance Committee and Staffing Committee.

I have lived in the area practically all my life and was educated locally. I am a Local Authority appointed governor and, in fact, chaired the Governing Body for thirteen years before moving over to make room for someone younger! I am also a governor of another local primary school and sit on School Admissions Appeal panels and Schools Exclusion panels.

Dr Rod Armstrong (Co-opted Governor – 02/07/2019-01/07/2023)

Chair of Premises Committee and on Curriculum Committee. Responsible for Health and Safety

I came down to London from my home in Leeds to study Medicine at UCL. After qualifying and specialising I became a Consultant Anaesthetist and subsequently a Consultant in Intensive Care at University College Hospital. During the last three years of my career at UCH I was Sub Dean of the Medical school with special responsibility for pastoral care of medical students. My wife and I moved to Hadley Wood in 1970. All three of our children went to Hadley Wood Primary school. Since then we have always regarded the school with great affection.

I have been closely involved with our village hall, the Hadley Wood Association, and have been Editor of the Hadley Wood News for many years. Since 2015 I have been a co-opted Governor of the school. I am learning the job and hope that some part of my experience with teaching, administration and management may be of help to this outstanding school, it's staff, the schoolchildren and their parents.

Richard Walker (Co-opted Governor – 27/02/2018-26/02/2022)

Chair of Curriculum Committee.

I have lived in Hadley Wood since 2012 and became a co-opted governor in February 2018. I spent the 1980's working as a teacher of biology and science in secondary schools in North London. Subsequently I became a freelance writer and consultant, specialising in highly-illustrated science books for children. I take a keen interest in community affairs and am actively involved with Neighbourhood Watch.

Becoming a governor of this outstanding school has involved, and is involving, a great deal of learning on my part. I hope that I can combine this knowledge with my experience from education, publishing, project management, and community work to help support and encourage the highest standards. And I must declare an interest. My two grandsons are pupils at Hadley Wood School; their sister will, hopefully, follow in their footsteps.

Sara Gowon (Parent Governor – 06/12/2017-05/12/2021)

Vice Chair of Finance Committee. Responsible for GDPR

I am a long-time resident of Hadley Wood, former pupil of Hadley Wood Primary School and have a child in year 4. I work in the City of London as a Compliance Director for an Investment Management company and have more than 15 years' experience working in the financial services industry firstly as auditor, before moving into investment management. When I'm not working I enjoy dancing, travelling and sport, especially gymnastics which I coach part-time while continuing my training to become a fully qualified and accredited artistic gymnastics coach.

I have many happy memories of my time at Hadley Wood School and would like to give something back to the school that gave me such a good start to my education. I hope that the expertise I have gained working in the financial services industry, not just financial but also through governance committees and employee councils, may help benefit the school and its pupils both present and future.

Elaine Hayward (Co-opted Governor - 26/02/2019 - 25/02/2023)

On Curriculum Committee and Staffing Committee. Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection.

I moved to Hadley Wood with my husband and two sons in 1986. I was elected as a Local Authority Councillor in 2006 and have represented the Cockfosters area since May 2018. In February 2019 I became a co-opted Governor of Hadley Wood School. Currently the main focus of my Council committee work is safeguarding and child protection and I have taken on that responsibility on the Governing Body. My grandson attends Hadley Wood School and hopefully his brother will join him next year. I have plenty to learn but look forward to working with my fellow Governors.

Reverend Rupert MacKay (Associate Member of Governing Body)

On Curriculum Committee.

I have been vicar of St Paul's Hadley Wood for 15 years and I became an Associate Member of the Governing Body in 2012. I am a trustee of the Hadley Wood Association and I serve on the Committee that runs the Alphablocks Pre School in Hadley Wood and play an active role with the children's progression by my regular visits. I also thoroughly enjoy taking assemblies at Hadley Wood School. I am sometimes assisted by Pathway, who help run assemblies and clubs for children in primary schools in North London. I am also involved in other charities and societies on a national level. I thoroughly enjoy living in the local area with my wife, who is a teacher, and our four children.

Staff Involved

Members of staff are involved in the Governing body as indicated below:

Mrs Fran Worby – Head Teacher (on Curriculum, Staffing, Finance and Premises Committees)

Miss Rachael Byrne (Staff Governor – 29/3/2018-28/3/2022) + Class Teacher Year 2 (on Curriculum Committee & Premises Committee)

Mrs Paula Bertram (Associate Member of Governing Body) + Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion Manager (on Curriculum Committee)