

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 have been a member of the Hadley Wood School Governing Body since November 2013, when I was elected as a parent governor. I transitioned to become a co-opted governor from February 2015 and was the Vice Chair of Governors for four years, before taking up the role of Chair in February 2019. I am the parent of four boys, with two who are now at secondary school after attending Hadley Wood, and two who have finished university. I therefore 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. 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, Vice Chair of Premises Committee, and on Staffing 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 and Staffing Committees, as well as becoming the lead Governor for Governor Training and Development. Once my children had all left the school, I transitioned to become a co-opted governor and was elected to the position of Vice Chair of Governors. Previously I have worked 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.

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 hope that some part of my experience with teaching, administration and management may be of help to this outstanding school, its staff, the schoolchildren and their parents.

Yetty Ashiru (Associate Member of Governing Body)

On Curriculum Committee.

Four years ago, I embarked on a mission to broaden my involvement in community service, and subsequently became a school governor in a community school in Hertfordshire. Choosing to be a school governor was a natural choice given my strong belief in Nelson Mandela's famous saying, that "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world". Today, I am delighted to make an impact in elementary education by serving on the board of two primary community schools. Having relocated from Nigeria 21 years ago with a B.Sc. in Computer Science, I have undertaken many professional development tracks including two masters degrees and most recently an MBA in Innovation & Strategy from Imperial College London. For over 18 years, I have worked in several global banks in the City of London, implementing business growth, technology & strategic change programmes. Currently, I lead compliance strategic programmes across seven countries. I am committed to using my multi-dimensional skills and experience to promote high educational performance on the curriculum committee in HWS, whilst enabling each pupil to attain their highest potential and to be confident about their future prospects. I enjoy reading memoirs, mentoring young women and going for walks with my daughter and husband in our Potters Bar suburb.

Nick Cockburn (Parent Governor - 13/2/20-13/2/24)

On Premises and Finance Committees. Responsible for Early Years Provision.

Bio to be added

Ann Evans (LA Governor - 01/09/2020-31/08/2024)

Vice Chair of Staffing Committee, and on Premises Committee and Finance 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 have also been a governor of another local primary school and have sat on School Admissions Appeal panels and Schools Exclusion panels.

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 6. 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 - 27/02/2019 - 26/02/2023)

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 also taken on that responsibility on the Governing Body. My two grandsons attend Hadley Wood School.

**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.

**Samar Mamattah (Parent Governor - 13/2/20-13/2/24)
On Curriculum Committee. Responsible for Inclusion.**

I have been a parent governor since being elected in February 2020. I have three boys, two of whom are currently pupils at Hadley Wood School, in Year 4 and Year 1, and the third is soon to follow. Having been involved with the school for nearly 5 years, I have a good understanding and insight into the way in which our children are able to learn and develop and the specific values and needs of the school. My professional career focuses on the wellbeing and development of children. As a social worker, I have worked with many children and their families, and closely with many teachers and schools, to support children to achieve their full potential. I place great importance on being fair and considerate, being held accountable for my decision-making, and to challenge respectfully. Through my personal and professional life, I have built a strong understanding of different values and a love of different cultures and feel that I am able to positively represent the diversity within this school. As a parent I fully believe in and value the importance of parents' voices being heard and represented in the governance of the school, and am confident in my ability to ensure that this happens.

**Nigel Roth (Associate Member of Governing Body)
On Finance Committee.**

I moved to Hadley Wood with my family at the end of 1990. All three of my sons went to Hadley Wood School which provided them with a really effective foundation for their long term learning and careers, respect for others and the building of endearing personal friendships that continue to this day. I am a qualified actuary and have recently retired as a Senior Partner of an international consultancy where I looked after the pension arrangements for a large number of companies and their employees. My experience has enabled me to have responsibility for some extremely large projects. Risk identification and control alongside effective financial management were important attributes that helped me to have a long and satisfying career. I am looking forward to be able to employ my professional experiences in my role on the Governing Body of Hadley Wood School and ensure that future generations of pupils will have the same positive experiences of the school as those enjoyed by my sons.

**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.

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)