

Governor Profiles 2022/23



Lynda Townsend (Chair of Governors)

I thoroughly enjoy being a governor at Pitmaston Primary School. I take great pleasure in working with the staff to continue to provide the very best possible education for our pupils. I have recently been the Vice Chair of Governors and I am now the Chair of Governors at Pitmaston. My background is in education. I have been a headteacher in two primary schools. Currently I am an educational consultant working in a number of schools in the West Midlands area and a lead inspector for Ofsted. I have two daughters and two young grandchildren, who are the apple of my eye.



Kate Wilcock – Headteacher

Kate became the Headteacher at Pitmaston Primary School in September 2015 having previously been the Deputy Headteacher at the school since 2012. She lives in Worcestershire with her husband and two daughters. Prior to this role Kate was the Deputy Headteacher at two large primary schools in Dudley and Bradford. Kate has specialised in Inclusive Practice as an Inclusion Co-ordinator, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Lead. Kate has worked in both Bradford, Dudley and Worcester authority supporting other schools and leading training on Inclusive practice. Kate has chosen, as the Headteacher, to be a Governor at the school and has an ambitious vision for the pupils and school.



Suzanne Horton (Vice Chair of Governors)

I am passionate about inclusion and ensuring all children receive the best education possible which is why I feel privileged to be part of the Governing Body at Pitmaston. My background in education is long and varied, having qualified as a teacher in 1992. I have taught in many schools in Dudley and have been fortunate enough to have had classes ranging from Nursery to Year 6. My secondment to the Local Authority in 2009 afforded me the opportunity to work alongside many senior leadership teams to develop and refine the provision of English and Literacy, with a particular focus on phonics. Whilst I loved teaching in Primary schools, I jumped at the chance to apply for a role at the University of Worcester working with trainee teachers. I am currently the Course Leader for the BA (Hons) Primary Initial Teacher education course and work closely with

partnership schools across Worcester and beyond. I am in my second term as a co-opted governor for Pitmaston and chair the Curriculum Committee. My particular interests are English, Phonics, Curriculum, Mental Health and Well Being and Leadership.



Rebecca Lock (Staff Governor)

I am the staff elected governor at Pitmaston Primary School, beginning this role from September 2022. This is now my 6th year as a class teacher at Pitmaston, in KS2, and I currently hold the role of Phase Leader for LKS2 and whole school Maths Lead. I feel very fortunate to have both of these roles within our school and my aim is to help drive forwards the high standards of both teaching and learning to ensure that our children all receive the best possible education. Prior to teaching at Pitmaston Primary School, I taught and lead Maths in a London Borough Primary School for four Years, where I also held many other subject leadership roles including staff governor. Prior to this, I taught in a small, rural village school in West Malvern, which is where my teaching career began.



Stefan Howarth

Stefan was appointed as a community governor in July 2013. He works in sales and marketing in the housebuilding industry and has undertaken property-related roles in both the private and public sector during his career to date. Having attended the school himself as a pupil in the 1980s, Stefan has a personal attachment to Pitmaston and is keen to make a lasting contribution to its success.



Anne Eyre

I have been a co-opted governor at Pitmaston since 2017. I have one child at the school and another who attended before going to secondary school. My professional background is in social work and I currently work for a local charity which offers support to people with sight loss. I have a particular interest in inclusion and ensuring that every child attending Pitmaston receives the best possible education, regardless of their needs, abilities or circumstances. I am the named governor for looked after children, pupil premium and children with special educational needs.



Deborah Andrews

I have been a governor since July 2020. I have spent my entire working life in education. I graduated in 1976 with a degree in French, Russian and then started a 30-year career as a secondary school modern language teacher, eventually becoming a deputy head in charge of curriculum and teaching and learning. I also worked for Worcestershire County Council organising 14-19 curriculum in Worcester City and South Worcestershire. I retired in 2014 but continued to work with the Worcester City Primary School Partnership. As well as being a governor at Pitmaston Primary School, I am also chair of governors at Trinity High School and chair of Trustees at Bordesley Multi Academy Trust in Redditch. In my spare time, I volunteer in my local community run library and became a director in 2018. I belong to the University of the Third Age in Evesham and attend several interest groups and I especially enjoy learning new languages. I'm currently learning German. Spending time with my family is important to me - I have two daughters, both teachers, one in secondary and one in primary, and four grandchildren who keep me very busy. Education has always been close to my heart. Teaching children and enriching their lives is one of the most important jobs there is and I feel privileged to be able to continue my involvement with schools and children.



James Fairfax (Parent Governor)

James is a parent governor, having started the role in April 2021, following his son starting the school in the September prior to that. He grew up just outside Malvern and now lives in St Johns with his family. He works in the international development / aid sector for a global engineering and development management consultancy, working on international health programmes that aim to strengthen health outcomes in developing countries. Prior to this he worked at the UK Department for International Development as well as an NGO called the International Planned Parenthood Federation. James is used to holding internal process and governance to account, ensuring work is delivered on time, on budget (providing value for money to the taxpayer) and to the standard of technical excellence that is expected. He understands the value and importance of voluntary work, having previously volunteered in India, working at an NGO that trained young women with vocational skills and basic education



Pete Hines

I am very proud to be a governor of Pitmaston Primary School. I am Worcester born and bred but have only recently moved into the school's catchment and want to help serve the wonderful community in which I now live. I have been a teacher for 25 years and Headteacher of Perryfields Primary PRU (also in St John's) for the last 8 years. I am passionate about inclusion and championing the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged young people. Perryfields not only provides onsite education for pupils permanently excluded from mainstream schools but also provides behavioural support and training to the 113 primary, first and middle schools in South Worcestershire. We have been recently appointed as one of the 22 lead DfE Behaviour Hub schools across the country and like Pitmaston have recently been judged outstanding by Ofsted. Away from work I am very lucky to have a wonderful

family life and we enjoy nothing more than walking Monty, our family dog and school therapy dog, in the Welsh mountains.



Alicia Stallard (Parent Governor)

I have been a parent governor at Pitmaston Primary since November 2020. My two younger children are currently at the school, while my eldest has moved on to high school after thoroughly enjoying his time here.

As part of my role, I am one of the link governors for emotional well-being and keen to support the school in its ongoing provision of an excellent all-round education.

I have been a journalist for 15 years and currently work for Newsquest helping produce a series of local news titles online and in print for South Worcestershire.



Rebecca Wise (Co-opted Governor)

I have joined Pitmaston Primary School in the Academic Year 2022/23 after recently relocating to Worcester. I am a co-opted Governor and have a background in Education, studying at the University of Worcester (BA Hons 2015) and also working with University of Birmingham & University of Warwick students in my current role within the NHS. I have a keen interest in Education and ensuring students get the best out of the curriculum, activities and environment they are within. Outside of this and work, you can find me either exploring a National Trust site with my

Husband and Golden Retriever, Larry or with my Girl Guiding unit as I've just completed my Leadership Qualification to become "Snowy Owl".