

Meet our Governors.

At Tanners Brook Primary School we recognise and thank our governors for everything that they do to support and challenge the school and the Leadership team. They give their time freely and it is always much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact them on their emails below or feel free to chat to our parent governors on the school playground.

Chair of Governors – Mrs Stephanie Bolitho-Jones.

I have been a governor with the school for 3 years. I started linked to SEND and then Safeguarding as well, before taking on the role of Chair. I have two children in the school and am proud to be part of a committee that ensures the school strives towards its aims.



I have been working as an A Level English Language teacher for 7 years, currently at Itchen College, and have a passion for inspiring children of all ages to be ambitious and strive to reach their goals.

Prior to this, I worked placing trades on the stock market for 8 years, after graduating from the University of Southampton with a BA in English and Philosophy and an MA in Creative Writing.

I have a passion for reading, and I also love to write. I have recently completed a children's novel which I am now hoping to publish.

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Ellen Lacey

I have been a Parent Governor at Tanners Brook Primary since 2023.

After initially working within the child care sector, I moved to Southampton in 2012 to support and care for children and their families within the hospital. I am currently part of the Children's Clinical Trials team. I feel strongly about improving the care and treatments individuals receive and this carries through to my role as a governor. I feel strongly about the wellbeing of the children within the school as well as the staff who teach them.

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Jo Wright –



I have been in education for a very long time. I was a primary school teacher in many schools in Southampton and I thoroughly enjoyed my time in schools. I have retired from my job at Southampton University teaching education. I became a governor when my eldest son started school and since then I have been on many governing bodies.

I have two other children, Tom is a footballer and my daughter Amelia is a social worker. As a family we watch a lot of sports.

I feel very privileged to now be on a governing body at Tanners Brook and I have enjoyed meeting the children.

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Dr Callum Stirling – *Co-opted Governor*



I have recently joined the school as a governor, starting in 2025. Education has had an incredibly profound impact on my life and so I want to help develop the best environment for children to learn; I am looking forward to further supporting the school in meeting its goals.

I currently work in the public sector to drive the commercialisation and productization of R&D in the UK, specifically in quantum technologies. This is both for the benefit of the UK economy and for the wider public, through adoption into areas like healthcare.

Prior to this, I was a researcher at the University of Southampton developing sensors for medical and environmental monitoring usages. I had previously graduated with a PhD in Optoelectronics from Southampton, earlier receiving an MSci in Physics from the University of Birmingham. I am also a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers.

In my spare time, I enjoy stand-up comedy (both from the audience and occasionally on-stage), learning to play the banjo, and baking too much sourdough.

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Mel Butt – Teacher governor.



I have worked at Tanners Brook Primary School since 2002 and currently fulfil the role of class teacher and the Maths Lead.

As Staff Governor, I represent the views of my colleagues on the Governing Body and contribute to discussions that shape the strategic direction of the school. My dual role enables me to bring insight into classroom practice and curriculum development, particularly in Maths.

I am passionate about supporting high-quality teaching and learning and helping to ensure that decisions made at governance level are informed by a clear understanding of staff and pupil needs.

I am proud to contribute to the ongoing development of our school community.

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Clerk to the Governors – Sue Baser



I joined HISP in August 2024 as Clerk to the Tanners Brook Academy Committee. I also clerk for two other schools in the Trust. My role is to advise and support the Governors in the execution of their duties. Additionally, I am a Lead Invigilator at Thornden, where I have worked for over 12 years.

My own children went to a HISP school, and I have a keen interest in supporting the school, via the Committee, to meet their goals.

In 2020 I graduated with a degree in Canine Studies, and I have over forty years' experience in administration, customer service, finance, audit and quality control.

In my spare time I enjoy horse riding, musical theatre and hill walking with my two dogs.

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