

Silverstone CE Primary School

Academy Governance Committee

James Bloomfield: Staff Governor (Headteacher)

I joined Silverstone CE Primary School in January 2016 and feel extremely privileged to be Headteacher of this wonderful school, overseeing significant change in over the last four years. After graduating at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, my teaching career has spanned over 20 years; during which time I have worked in 5 schools before joining Silverstone CE Primary. I am passionate about working with children and making a positive difference to their lives. In addition to my own wealth of experience and knowledge, my aim is to harness the skills and passions from every member of staff as we continue to develop and grow Silverstone CE Primary into a school we can all be extremely proud of.

Declaration of Interest: None

Carol Tosh: Community Governor (Chair of Governors)

A native of Scotland, I have been a teacher, Headteacher and School Improvement Advisor all my professional life. I joined the governing body just as I was about to take early retirement and have tried to use my professional expertise for the good of the schools in Silverstone. I am particularly proud of the fact that I worked with fellow professionals to bring about the building of the new Silverstone CE Primary School.

Education has been my 'raison d'être' for nearly 50 years and I feel privileged to be part of the wider school team bringing, I hope, empathy and support in the educational challenges faced by the children, parents, staff and my fellow governors.

My own two children attended the local Silverstone schools and have gone on to successful careers based on the foundations laid in Silverstone. They have, in turn, brought into the world 4 lovely grandchildren and now my long-suffering husband has finally realised his dream of being able to take holidays in school term time!

Declaration of Interest: None

Lisa Baldwin: Community Governor (Vice Chair)

As a governor with a background in marketing and PR I am able to call on my professional experience to support the school particularly with communications. After working at a senior marketing level for several large corporations and having spent time working overseas I now run my own company to give me the flexibility to look after my two young sons. I am passionate about community and playing a part to ensure that all children receive the emotional support and resources they need to thrive at school.

Declaration of Interest: None

Trevor Ray: Community Governor

As someone who runs their own training business and as the Senior Steward of Silverstone Methodist Church, I bring a combination of business skills, personal development expertise and links to the Methodist church. I have lived in the area for the past 18 years with all three of my children having gone through the Silverstone schools.

I feel very privileged to be a governor (this being my second stint), particularly in my role as part of the team working on the Christian ethos within the school. It is something that the school has long been proud of – developing rounded individuals with a superb moral compass in addition to their academic skills.

I also have a keen interest in the science curriculum having gained a PhD in Molecular Biology in my early career.

Declaration of Interest: None

Peter Coles: Church Governor

I am a Foundation Governor and Churchwarden St. Michael's Church. My background is farming and I have a long association with Silverstone Village. My two sons both attended the Infant and Junior Schools. At that time I was chairman of Silverstone Infant School.

Declaration of Interest: None

Carolyn Lovell: Church Governor

I have lived in Silverstone for more than 40 years. During this time I have taught at the infant school for 28 years spending many of them as Deputy Headteacher. I have two grown up daughters who both went through the local state education system and I currently have 2 grandchildren at Sponne School; both enjoyed their primary years in our village schools. Since my retirement 12 years ago I have had the opportunity to expand my education experience through my Special Education Needs qualification both at Magdalen College School, Brackley and Silverstone UTC. Working with teenagers has been both interesting and enriching. I also continue to volunteer at the school on a weekly basis, usually in FS2 enabling me to get to know all the new entrants. Through this I am privileged to get to know new families joining our ever expanding community as well as seeing past pupils now coming to our school with their own children. I hope that they are as pleased to see me as I am them! I also sit on School Appeals panels for both Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes which keeps abreast of the changing financial and logistical pressures of providing high quality learning environments and experiences for all our children.

I feel privileged to be a part of the team dedicated to providing the very best education of all our pupils at Silverstone CE Primary School and always endeavour to bring my range of education experience and life skills to this complex task.

Declaration of Interest: Registered as supply teacher at Silverstone CE Primary

Emma Lewis: Parent Governor

I have been teaching for over 18 years within primary schools and I have taught a variety of age ranges over this period, with the past few years teaching Year 2. I am passionate about ensuring that all children receive high quality education so that they can all achieve their full potential.

I have a deep rooted belief in the importance of education and investing in people. Working with the team at Silverstone CE Primary School allows me to contribute to the community in which I live. What I particularly love about the school is that everyone involved – staff, parents and Governors – share the common aim and passion for Silverstone CE Primary to continue to be a great school, serving its pupils and the community.

It is an honour to be part of the Governing Body so we can all work together to strive for an outstanding all-encompassing education for our children.

Declaration of Interest: None

Tessa Vincent: Parent Governor

I have a teaching background and have taught in schools in Kent and Surrey. I am passionate about ensuring all children receive a high quality education and enjoy school life. All children deserve to achieve their full potential and all are individuals with differing needs and strengths. I am delighted to be part of the Governing Committee and look forward to supporting Silverstone C E Primary School.

Declaration of Interest: None

Lee Hillyard: Parent Governor

I am really looking forward to serving as a Parent Governor and see where I can help and support the children, staff parents and community in this role. I am a Baptist Minister in Blisworth with a particular emphasis on children and community work. I also run my own business which I have had since 1992. I am married and have two children at Silverstone CE Primary.

From before my children started at the school, I could see the great learning environment, fantastic staff and could feel the enthusiasm from the children. I am proud to be part of the Academy Governance Committee and hope that I can carry out the role well and to continue the great work that so many others before me have already put in.

Declaration of Interest: None

Lindsey Cooper: Staff Governor

Having originally studied Chemistry to degree level I worked in industry, initially managing laboratories and later medical report writing. After having my children I began volunteering at the local nursery and discovered it to be far more fulfilling than my paid work.

Since moving to Silverstone in 2006 I worked at Silverstone Preschool as a keyworker and also Sponne as an exam invigilator. I joined the infant school in 2014 and gained my HLTA status in 2017. Both my boys attended Silverstone Primary Schools and are now beginning A Levels at Sponne and a degree at Manchester University.

My aim is to provide to best support to all the children in my care to help them reach for the stars.

Declaration of Interest: None