



Marchwood Junior School Governing Board 2023 - 2024



Lesley Sinfield
Clerk to Governors

I have been a Local Authority Clerk for 3 years and clerk at MJS for a year. I clerk for two other schools in the New Forest. Until October 2020 I had been a governor myself for over 20 years in the Waterside area.



Sophie Collins
Chair of the Board of
Governors

As a parent you are always encouraged when your local Primary School is awarded Outstanding by Ofsted. I was motivated to not only understand the details behind how this is consistently achieved at Marchwood Junior School, but to see if I could help continue this legacy by becoming an 'active' parent in the day to day running of the school.

I am so pleased to be the Chair of Governors for MJS and as I continue to develop within this role, I look forward to leading the board and continuing to support the MJS teams and the community, to continue more of the hard work and superior strategy that is in place for all the children.



Stephen Macguire
Co-opted Governor
Vice Chair of the Board
Chair of Learning & Teaching
SEN Lead

I have 30 years in all aspects of education and roles, from Primary, through Secondary and onwards to Post 16 levels. As a consequence, I will do all I can to continue the momentum of this wonderful school. I am also lucky enough to have worked alongside the dedicated team of MJS professionals within the classroom setting and will focus all my knowledge and experience to ensure the thriving educational momentum continues.

Away from school I am a father of four grown up children and two grandchildren. I am a keen sportsman and come the Rugby Internationals, the green blood of Ireland flows throughout my being. I am fully involved in a lively and thriving church locally, and like most of us life is very busy.



Stewart Davidson
Parent Governor
Chair of Resources
Health & Safety lead

I became a Governor of MJS as I am passionate about children having a great education.

Having been a Director of Twiggs Lane pre-school a few years ago, it felt right that now I have both my children attending MJS, I got back involved and supported the school.

I hope to make a positive difference to the school and the children that will pass through it over the next few years, whilst I remain as a Governor. I want this school to thrive and it certainly is at the heart of our community. We are lucky to have a truly dedicated team of Teachers and support staff that feel much like me.



Donna Smith
Staff Governor

Hi, I'm Donna Smith and I am a member of the Marchwood Junior School staff team leading the wonderful ELSA and Pastoral team we have at MJS.

I value the opportunity to be part of your children's lives and help shape their futures. My role as staff governor enables me not only to be a critical friend supporting the school but also challenging it and holding it accountable to get the very best outcomes for the children. They are our future after all.



Gary Scallan
Co-opted Governor

I am a co-opted governor which allows me to provide an additional viewpoint from the perspective of the school's senior leadership team as Assistant Head.

My roles in Marchwood Junior School also comprises of Maths Coordinator, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Year 6 class teacher.



Michelle Read
Co-opted Governor
Vice Chair of Learning &
Teaching
Safeguarding Lead

As a former member of staff at Marchwood Juniors I have a strong bond and great affection for the school, its children and staff and would like the opportunity to contribute to its future in a proactive, supportive, and meaningful way.

I feel Marchwood Junior School is a very special place and I would be committed to fulfilling my role as governor to the best of my abilities.

I have the confidence and experience to raise questions and challenge and will continuously strive to work alongside the governing body and school community to fulfil the school vision and values.



Stuart Gaunt
Co-opted Governor
Maths Lead

I believe that education is hugely important in the development of community and that schools form the heart of this. I want to help the students of Marchwood Juniors have the greatest opportunities for progress and success, as they become the future of our neighbourhood.

I have 17 years of secondary teaching experience, mainly in Mathematics. 13 years of this have seen me in middle or senior leadership roles, with 11 years in schools that Marchwood is a link primary for.

When asked if I would be a co-opted Governor I thought this was an excellent suggestion for mutual development, so here I am.



Ian Milham
Co-opted Governor
Vice Chair of
Resources
Pupil Premium Lead

Hello, I am Ian Milham Co-opted governor. I have been in the military for 17 years, currently working within the Welfare office for 17 Port & Maritime Regiment providing support to all members of the Regiment and their families.

The position of governor is part of the role which will hopefully help the school to understand better what the children's parents do daily and when deployed.

I'm looking forward to this opportunity to broaden my own experiences and to support the school.



John Bell
Local Authority Governor
Vice Chair of Learning &
Teaching
English Lead
Wellbeing lead

Hello, I am a retired Junior School Headteacher, Assistant Director of Music for Southampton, Teaching Fellow at Southampton University, National KS2 Mentor Trainer for Trinity/Guildhall/Open University.

I am involved in Voluntary work directing Marchwood WI choir, singing opportunities for Marchwood residents living with dementia, supporting Marchwood Junior School choir. arranging music for Marchwood's Prelude Community orchestra.

I wanted to become a Governor at MJS to contribute to the development of a good school in which the overall well-being of all participants and the community is the over-riding priority.