

Hina Nijjar

Hi my name is Hina Nijjar, I have been a parent governor since November 2014. I grew up in Flitwick and moved to Shenley Brook End in 1997. I have 3 children, my eldest started Early Years at Long Meadow in 2013 and is enjoying every minute. At 18 I started university and studied chemistry. I worked for a well known chemist part time while studying. In 2004 I changed my career and joined a well known bank for 10 years. In 2013 I set up my own company in the recruitment industry placing specialist resources and I currently work from home. I am very passionate about education and I truly believe every child can achieve more than they are currently doing. I want to make a difference to other children as well as my own, I believe my previous experiences will help guide me though this new and exciting journey.

Heather Pugh

I am a mum of twin boys who started Long Meadow in 2010. Originally from Yorkshire, I moved to Milton Keynes in 1993. I met and married Simon here, and we have lived in Shenley Brook End since 2003. I work as a chartered Town Planner, and am a Partner at David Lock Associates, a town planning and urban design consultancy firm based in Central Milton Keynes. I work four days a week so juggle the demands of a busy work schedule with ferrying the twins to various sports activities, supervising homework and getting out in the garden! I became a governor in 2011, partly to understand more about how the school system works 30 years after being at school myself, but also because I felt that some of my professional skills could be put to good use in helping shape decisions about the running of the school now and into the future. I took on the role of Literacy Governor in Autumn 2014 and am currently the Chair of the Resources Committee. The best thing about being a governor is being able to provide Mrs Davies and her team with a sounding board to help work through some of the complex issues and priorities the leadership team has to deal with on a regular basis, as well as getting to know the teachers and all the other people who make Long Meadow such a great school community

Michael Cato

Hi I'm Michael Cato and I live in North Furzton with my wife. I moved to Milton Keynes with my wife and two daughters in 1991 having being transferred with my job to Dunstable. Before that I lived in Bristol where I was a governor at my children's school for 5 years with responsibility for Finance. When I was coming up to retirement I felt that I needed something to keep me involved with people and also to give something back to the community. There was a vacancy for a Parish Councillor so I decided to volunteer and I'm glad to say I was successful in being co-opted on to Shenley Book End & Tattenhoe Parish Council and now hold the position of Vice Chair. When the position arose for a Community Governor at Long Meadow I was asked if I would be interested. I jumped at the chance as I enjoyed my time as a Governor in Bristol and it would gain me a better understanding of how the school system now works given I have a granddaughter at another MK school. It would also allow me to gain experience in my role as a local councillor. Being both a Governor and class Governor allows me not only to observe the children learning which is very rewarding, but hopefully to be able to make a real difference to the children's education. I also sit on the School's Environmental Committee along with a number of smaller committees. I'm very proud to be allowed to be part of this very good school.

Kathryn Freshwater

I have been on the Governing Body since before the school opened in September 2001. I have also been the School Manager since that date so I have seen the school grow from strength to strength over the years. My main roles at school involve helping to manage the school budget, staffing, hot school meals and our Midday Supervisor Team as well as the day to day running of the school office. Being part of the Governing Body is very interesting and rewarding. I represent the support staff of the school and try to ensure that their views are heard. I am a member of the Resources Committee and regularly provide financial reports showing the school's current financial position.

Sue Davies

I have been Head Teacher of Long Meadow School since April 2010. Prior to this I was Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher in two other Milton Keynes schools and I have been teaching in Milton Keynes for fifteen years. The early part of my teaching career was spent in another education authority. From the first moments of my first visit to the school I knew that I wanted to be part of the Long Meadow team. People often comment on the friendliness of the school and I certainly felt that from the beginning. We have delightful children; a fantastic staff team; supportive parents; and a very committed governing body, who do a great job of supporting the school and making sure that we do the best that we can for all of our children. Long Meadow is a caring and inspiring learning community with high aspirations for its children and I feel very proud and privileged to be able to lead and manage such a wonderful school.

Nicola Francis

My name is Nicola Francis, an MKC Governor at Long Meadow School, being appointed in July 2013. I have lived in Shenley Brook End since 2001, and have seen it develop over the years. I have twin boys who started Early Years in September 2013 and were very excited about starting their new adventure. At work I'm the Head of IT Service Delivery for Retail at a well known bank. I became a school governor as I felt my skills could be put to good use, I wanted to give something back and help with the shaping and development of our children, our children are our future. I was also interested to understand more about the education system, as things have changed a lot since I was at school. I currently sit on the Resources and Curriculum committees and I'm the Governor for Numeracy at Long Meadow.

Iain Blazey

My name is Iain Blazey and I am the IT Director for a large Japanese Multi-National company based here in the UK. I have lived in Shenley Brook End since 2003 with my wife and three children (now 21, 19 and 16!), having moved to the area to be nearer to the school they all attended. All three started at Long Meadow School in years 6, 3 and Early Years, on the day that it opened in 2001, very excited about being part of a brand new school. This got me thinking about how a new school came into being and what was involved in running a school behind the scenes. I stood for election as a Parent Governor in the very first governor elections in September 2001, and have been there ever since, although I am now a MK council appointed governor as my children have all long left the school! I felt this was a real opportunity to give back to the education system some of what my three children were taking out, and to gain a better understanding of why things happen the way they do in schools compared to the 'commercial world'. As is my way, I immersed myself in the role. I have been Vice Chair of Governors since 2003, am the 'Inclusion' governor, covering the full spectrum of learning abilities - SEN, EAL and More Able, and serve on all three committees – Curriculum, Resources and Environment. What I enjoy most about being a Governor is being able to make a real difference to our children's education, and seeing them enjoying their education and stretching their potential at Long Meadow School.