

Mrs Jill Hancock – Chair of Governors

I have lived in Tatsfield for 38 years and two of my three children attended the school. I worked in the Office at the School for 33 years, first as an Office Helper then becoming Business Manager dealing with the Finance, HR, Premises, Health & Safety, etc in the later years. During those years I served on the Governing Body first as a Parent Governor and then as a Staff Governor. I retired in 2017 but continued as a Governor and then in August 2021 I took on the position of Chair after the retirement of three experienced Governors.

I am also involved in Tatsfield village with Tatsfield In Bloom and my other interests are my grandchildren and playing golf which I took up when I retired.

Louise Knock, Teacher Governor

I have been the deputy head teacher, full-time class teacher and governor at Tatsfield Primary School for over 13 years. Currently, I teach Year 3 but have also taught Year 5 and Year 6 at the school. I run the after-school Gardening Club with Mrs Hancock and Mrs Hester where we grow a range of vegetables to sell to parents and carers at the gate. I also lead the School Council.

In my free time, I am a keen baker and the staff gladly demolish my baked goods! My husband and I seek out warmer climes when holidaying since we are avid SCUBA divers.

Kate Watkins Vice Chair of Governors

I have lived in the village for over 20 years and both my sons attended Tatsfield Primary School. I am a Primary school teacher and enjoyed 10 years at the school; first teaching writing and maths sets and then as a class teacher. I now deliver well-being and mental health workshops for the charity Coram Life Education and visit primary schools in Bromley, Kent and East Surrey. I have the privilege of teaching children from Nursery to Year 6 in a diverse range of primary schools.

I also enjoy spending time with my family, walking around the local area, Zumba and travelling in my campervan.

Mr Harry Bright – Governor

I moved into the Tatsfield area in 2020 just before the first lockdown. I was appointed Governor to Tatsfield Primary in July 2021. I support the Chair of Governors in Head Master, Premises and Health and Safety reviews.

In January 2022 I retired after a forty-three year professional career in financial services many of which were with Santander Group where I had the opportunity to travel on business to many countries around the world. My area of expertise was financing social and economic infrastructure (schools; hospitals; roads; renewable energy etc.,) in the UK and abroad.

Today, I am employed part-time as a Non-Executive Director of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust where I have sat on the Board since 1998. I am also a long serving Chairman of Dartford Cricket Club.

With the passing of time I have become more of a follower than participant of sport with a particular passion for cricket and rugby. During summer months I umpire at cricket every weekend and manage an under 13 team during the week. I also play golf occasionally although since my retirement my handicap is deteriorating quite quickly!

Jessie Eales-White

I have lived in the Tatsfield area for over 30 years. My three children all attended the school for part of their education.

I am a retired teacher. I worked in a South London Primary, mostly in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Nowadays I have grandchildren who keep me busy!

I love the outdoors. I have an allotment and enjoy volunteering in the village.