



Tatsfield Primary School – Governor Biographies

Jill Hancock – Co-opted Governor and Chair

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 4 but have also taught Years 3, 5 and 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.

Harry Bright – Co-opted 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 Headteacher, 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 – Co-opted Governor

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.

Jenny Bradshaw – Parent Governor

I am a parent governor and currently have two children attending Tatsfield Primary School. I have lived in the village for over a decade and feel passionately about supporting our community where I can; previously as chair of the local pre-school Little Acorns, then joining the school PTA and now as a governor.

I have a background in youth and childhood development, working in a variety of education settings and then took a career change and qualified as a counsellor, later specialising in pregnancy and baby loss and working alongside the charity Abigails Footsteps.

I enjoy spending time with friends and family, yoga and singing and dancing when I have the time!

Ruth Taylor – Parent Governor

I moved to Tatsfield in 2017 and my daughter currently attends Tatsfield Primary School.

With a degree in Psychology and over 12 years' recruitment experience, I'm most definitely a "people person" – I'm currently working as a Senior Consultant with a specialist recruitment company.

I love spending time with my family, going for long walks, gardening and volunteering in the village – I was previously the Treasurer at Little Acorns pre-school.

Geraldine Mash – Co-opted Governor

I have over 35 years' experience in Financial Services, with the last 30 years focused on Compliance. I joined CBRE Limited, a global property services company, in 2008 and have played a fundamental part in shaping the Compliance process that the business continues to follow today.

Currently, I am responsible for Compliance and Best Practice for CBRE Ltd in the UK, acting as the Compliance Officer and the Money Laundering Reporting Officer for the entire UK practice. I also manage the Conflicts of Interests procedures, including the monitoring of confidential conflicts checks and Business Continuity.

Formerly, I chaired the Property Fraud Forum, collaborating with the Metropolitan Police and the National Crime Agency to enhance knowledge and understanding of fraud within the property sector.

I am an active member of CBRE's Ability Network and am supporting them in their sensory projects with Blind in Business, a not-for-profit organisation who help people who are blind or have sight impairment, into work.

Previously I was Chair of the Parents Guild at Croham Hurst School where my daughter attended.