

## 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 Manger 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.

### **Laura King – Co-opted Governor**

I moved to Tatsfield in 2022 and currently live with my husband and two stepchildren, both of whom attended Tatsfield Primary School until recently.

I've spent many years working in primary education, both in the UK and internationally, and I've had the privilege of being a primary school teacher and leader for over 15 years. Most recently, I was Deputy Head of a local girls' junior school.

I'm currently the International Primary Coordinator at Ardingly College, where I support and advise our international schools on various aspects of primary education.

Outside of work, I love spending time with family and friends, going for long walks, and keeping active.