

## Governors Biography

### **Alastair Tyndall**

Al joined the Local Governing Body in July 2013 as a Parent Governor. A Chemistry Teacher, Boarding House Tutor, and Rugby & Rowing Coach at Canford School, he moved to Dorset in 2008, having taught previously at The Cheltenham Ladies' College from 2002. Before teaching he studied Chemistry at Oriel College, Oxford, where he was also a Choral Scholar. All three of his children are currently at Merley First School, and his wife, Sarah, works just round the corner for The Lantern Church.

### **Verity Brooks**

My name is Verity Brooks and I live in Merley with my husband and two young boys. The eldest attends Merley First School. I have lived in the area for 8 years and moved to Merley in 2010.

My background is in Human Resources having worked in this field for a variety of companies for the past 19 years. I am also a fully qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. My part time Human Resources Manager role for a newly formed company gives me the opportunity to also focus on the parent governor role. I feel that my non-school background gives a different view to all aspects of school life. In my spare time we enjoying going to the beach, riding our bikes and baking – we do enjoy contributing to a bake sale!

### **Jane Newell**

Jane has been a teacher for over 30 years, including 12 years as a deputy head teacher in a Poole school. She is passionate about supporting staff to enable them to provide a rich, creative and above all high quality curriculum for all pupils. Jane's school experience particularly in staff management, safeguarding, well-being and assessment helps in her role of school governor. She is also a local Councillor for Merley and Bearwood. Merley First School plays a pivotal role in the community. Since her governor appointment in July 2015 Jane has been delighted with the fast progress and new initiatives being undertaken by the school at all levels. Aside from her council work, some supply teaching and role as school governor, Jane has always had the 'travel bug' be it in the family caravan or further afield.

### **Geoff Bates**

My Wife and I moved into the area 11 years ago, specifically to be in the catchment for the local Wimborne schools, and our youngest son currently attends Merley First. For me, being a School Governor is an opportunity to help influence the building and maintaining of an environment that provides children with the best possible education they can get. In terms of the experience and skills I have to offer, because I currently run a marketing department in a regulated company, I understand the importance of communicating effectively with key stakeholders and regulators to achieve the best outcomes. As a member of the executive team in my current company, I regularly work with the Board of Directors defining company strategy and direction. My experience means I am comfortable with the requirements set out for School Governors and I believe I bring a useful business perspective to the school's Local Governing Board.

### **Pauline Lawrence**

Pauline as well as bring up her family worked in the NHS at Poole Hospital and palliative care for 14 years. From 2002 I have worked at a GP surgery, administration. Nowadays I am a phlebotomist/health care support work at the GP practice.

I am semi-retired now working just a few hours a week, so am able to enjoy walking my dog and various other pursuits that we do not have the time to do juggling a job and family life. My grandchildren also keep me busy. I am an avid reader so enjoy many trips to the library.

**Kate Lewis**

Vice Chair of Academy Committee

I joined the governing body in November 2015 and became Vice Chair in summer 2016. I am a parent governor and Mum to Harry in year 3. I work for the Crown Prosecution Service and have been employed as a Senior Crown Prosecutor for the last ten years. I sit on the Standards Committee at Poole Council. I am the link governor for year 3 and for Mathematics.

**Ieuan Weir**

Currently Assistant Headmaster (Academic Staff) at Canford (Coeducational boarding school) and will be the Deputy Head (Academic) from September 2018. In charge of all aspects of staff development, lesson observation, staff appraisal and whole school INSET training. Initial post was as Head of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Have been a boarding house tutor and the 1st XI Hockey coach. Previously, Head of Religious Studies and Head of Year 11 at HMC Day school in Coventry. I am also School Inspector (ISI) and completed N.P.Q.S.L qualification in 2014. Married with three children.