

Meet the Governors 2021

Shelley Ward – Parent Governor - Chair of Governors

I have been a Parent Governor for since May 2017

I am the Chair of the Curriculum and Standards committee and I'm also the Safeguarding Governor for the school.

I work in the Early Years sector and have a real passion for working with young children. I love getting children outdoors and muddy which has probably come from my many years as a Cub Scout Leader.

I live in a nearby village with my husband and 3 boys, 2 who currently attend Reed. I love to travel, read and eat biscuits!

Alan Blower – LEA Governor -Vice Chair of Governors

I have been an LEA Governor for nearly three years. I am the Chair of the Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee and also the Finance Governor for the school. One of my main activities in the last year has been helping the school completely overhaul its IT facilities which are so important for pupils these days.

I moved to Reed eleven years ago following retirement, having worked in large multinational companies for most of my career. During this time my work took me to many countries around the world in various planning, consultancy and logistics roles and included a period of about three years living in Germany with my family.

I have two children and five grandchildren currently all living abroad and am a keen golfer and lover of most sports. I am also the Secretary of the Reed Village Hall Committee and enjoy getting involved in village activities.

Philip Blenkinsop – Co-Opted Governor

I have been a Co-opted Governor since 2018.

My specific role is as the Health and Safety Governor and Premises Governor which encompasses a range of responsibilities from changing a light bulb to advising the Governing body on priorities, including health and safety and for the maintained and development of the schools premises.

I am now retired but spent the whole of my career in technical consultancy helping develop companies worldwide including the motor industry, pharmaceutical companies and the manufacturers of domestic products. I was lucky in that this enabled me to visit most parts of the world and to gain a broad prospective on business life.

I live in Reed and with my spare time I enjoy travelling, gardening, reading, DIY and writing software for my own amusement.

Teresa Davidson – Parent Governor

I have been a parent governor since being elected in May 2018. Reed is a beautiful community focussed village school that I always hoped my children would attend. I now have two girls that attend the school and was delighted when the opportunity came up to support the school and the leadership team using the varied skills that I have gained in my professional role as a Business Manager for a group of local GP practices. I currently lead on GDPR as well as a member of the Curriculum and Standards Committee.

In my spare time, I like spending time with my family walking, cycling and getting creative – no, there can never be too much glitter!

(Char)lotte Eeles – Parent Governor

After six years as the Chair of Friends of Reed School, I was fortunate enough to be elected to the role of Parent governor in the autumn of 2020. As a parent of four children, all of whom have had the benefit of an education at Reed, I felt it important to take the opportunity to help support their education, and do whatever I can to play my part in helping shape the future direction of the school that they cherish. I am by profession a Web Design Manager, with over 17-year experience, and feel my branding and marketing knowledge bring a different perspective to the very versatile array of talents of the Governors at Reed School.

Sue Smith – Co-Opted Governor

I am a recently retired teacher, having worked in and around Buntingford for the last 30 yrs. I have lived in Buntingford for over 35 yrs and have a son, daughter and two gorgeous grandsons. Most of my recent teaching experience has been in Early Years for which I have an abiding passion. However, I am looking forward to understanding how older children learn and having contact with a school and education again, something I have missed in retirement.

Jason Ames – Parent Governor

I became a Parent Governor in April 2021 and took responsibility for Accessibility, Diversity and Equality. Although I am new to the role, it is an area that I have gained a wealth of experience in during my 20 years with the Metropolitan Police. I am currently working with various charities to educate the Police Service around the subject of ADHD and Autism in young people and how to effectively deal with children in crisis.

I am Dad to three children of my own, 2 of which attend Reed School and are thriving there. So, I am keen to help the school be the best it can and support the teachers to carry on the great work they do.

I enjoy taking part in sports. I can often be seen running around the village trying to get a bit fitter. I also qualified as a Boxing coach as part of a project I started to divert under-privileged children away from crime.

Kelly Liebenberg – Associate Governor

Having been a governor since 2010, I am passionate about our small village school that has such a big heart. The best part about my role is watching the children on their learning journey grow into confident, life-long learners.

I have previously worked in IT and project management. I am a mum to two boys, three dogs and I am pretty sure there is a song for every situation.

Definitions:

Co-opted Governors are persons who, in the opinion of the Governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

Local Education Authority Governors are persons who are nominated by the local authority and appointed by the governing body having, in the opinion of the governing body, met any eligibility criteria that they have set.

Parent Governors are persons who are elected by parents of registered pupils at the school and are parents at the time of election.

Associate member is a person who is appointed by the governing body as a member of any committee established by them but who is not a governor with voting rights.

Join In

All Governor's must be elected or appointed to a school's Governing Body. If you want to be part of Reed First School's Governing Body, please enquire by emailing the school office about any vacancies. admin@reed.herts.sch.uk