

Meet the Governors!

James Larke (Chair of Governors)

My name is James Larke and I am a parent governor. I have three children who all attend the school. I live in the village and work in Petersfield. I enjoy being a governor as it gives me an insight into how hard the school team works to prepare our children for their later lives and gives me the opportunity to do my little bit to support our school.



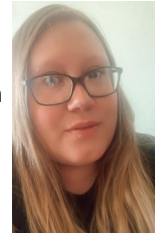
Simon Sharp (Vice Chair of Governors)

Resident of East Meon and Parish Councillor. Former professional Designer and teacher of Art and Design for 35 years leading innovative departments at Uppingham Leonardo Centre and Bedales Schools. Particular interest in the importance of the role of creative culture in developing intelligence in early education and the relationship between Science and Art /Design in the curriculum . Currently working as an author and exhibiting artist studying the Ancient sites and landscapes of the South Downs. Contributing to the Art activities at the school when available.



Kim Fyfield

Hi I'm Kim, I am a parent governor with two girls who currently attend East Meon. I spend my weekends doing fun activities with my family and enjoy doing anything musical. I became a governor, as I have a lot of experience with children and schools. I also like sharing my ideas to help the school in all areas.



Jane Cobley

I am a Foundation Governor and a retired teacher. I taught Key Stage 1 children for many years, in both the state and private sector, particularly concentrating on the teaching of Music and Religious Education. I have been a Governor at East Meon School for 10 years and live in the village.



Sofija Atkinson

I have recently joined the Governing Body as a parent governor. My family are livestock and arable farmers, and have been living in the village for over 100 years! My son joined the school in September and we have been enjoying getting to know the school community. I have been a secondary school Science teacher 12 years, with the most recent 3 years primarily teaching students who are not in mainstream education. I wanted to become a parent governor because I am passionate about supporting children's education and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.



Steph Perkins

I have been a teacher for over 20 years and came to East Meon 13 years ago. In that time, I have taught across all the classes but predominantly within the lower end of the school. I became the staff governor when I returned to teaching part-time after the birth of my first child. I enjoy representing the staff views on the governor board and getting to share in championing the vision and strategic direction of the school. Since taking on this role, I now have the pleasure of appreciating the school from a variety of angles as both my children also attend the school. I love what East Meon offers in terms of a small friendly school where every child is known and appreciated for their own special talents and it will always be a special place for me.



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Father Tony

I am the priest in charge of the parishes of Langrish, East Meon, West Meon and Warnford and live in East Meon. My family and I first moved to the village in 1999, and our daughter attended East Meon School for her whole primary education. I believe that the village school and the parish church should both be at the heart of the community.

Although I have never been a primary school teacher, I have been a qualified teacher (secondary science) for over 40 years. I have been the deputy head and acting head at TPS in the past before becoming the head of another secondary school in Hampshire. I have also worked in a university, where I spent a lot of time teaching teachers on an MA course, developing school leadership and overseeing the training of student teachers on a variety of primary education courses.

Since becoming a priest, I have volunteered as a chaplain in a large urban further education college; I have chaired the Diocesan Board of Education, which looks after all the Church of England schools in Hampshire, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, Southampton and on the Isle of Wight; I have been a trustee of two local education charities; and have been a primary school governor for over 10 years. I hope that some of this experience is helpful to the two schools in which I currently serve as a governor.



Anna Tebbutt

I am a co-opted governor, and more recently joined as a member of staff. I have been a parent of East Meon School children for 12 years—my daughters Lilia and Darcey have since moved on to TPS and my son, Bradley, is still here. Our favourite thing to do as a family is to travel to new places.

I have a background in primary education, having taught in 3 different schools—mostly in Key Stage One and Early Years, and took a break from teaching when we started foster caring. I am enjoying being back in the buzz of school life! I am in my 9th year as a school governor and have had a wide range of roles and responsibilities in that time... my new role for the year ahead is health and safety.



Sarah Edsall

After 15 years working in marketing, I decided to change career following the arrival of my children and a move from London to East Meon. Firstly, I completed a degree in Education Studies and then retrained as a teacher. I now work as a supply teacher across Key Stages 1 and 2 in a wide range of local state and independent schools.

I'm passionate about giving children the best possible start in life and enjoy seeing first-hand the different ways schools approach teaching and learning, and what truly helps children thrive.

Although I now live in Petersfield, I lived in East Meon for twelve years and feel a strong connection to the local community. I am delighted to support the school in my role as a governor.

