

Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary School Governing Board

**Heather Phillips – Chair of Governors, Parent Governor, Chair of Headteacher Appraisal Committee**



Hello, I'm Heather, I live in the village and both my children attend the school. As parents we love the close-knit community feel of the school and how well everyone gets to know each of the children and their families. I am an accredited cognitive behaviour therapist and registered social worker and have been a governor at the school since 2020. I am passionate about ensuring every child is offered the opportunity to develop a love of learning within a safe, fun, challenging and nurturing environment that embraces them in their fullness. In my spare time I enjoy roller skating, face painting, baking and embarrassing my children by dancing like no one is watching! Please come and say hi to me at drop off or pick up or at school or PTA events.

**Elishia Meade- Vice Chair of Governors, Co-opted Governor, SEND and Children We Care For Link Governor, Equalities Link Governor, Chair of Pay Committee**



Hello my name is Elishia Meade! I have over 22 years experience working in education, in various roles, at school and Local Authority at different levels including senior leadership and management. In my spare time I love; reading, studying, listening to music and exercise, especially Zumba (of which I am an Instructor). I am delighted to join Charlton-on-Otmoor's governing board as a co-opted governor and look forward to being welcomed into the wider community.

**Emily Nicholls – Local Authority Governor, Safeguarding Link Governor, Attendance Link Governor, Filtering and Monitoring Link Governor**



Hello, I'm Emily Nicholls and I joined the governing board in 2023. I moved to Charlton almost two years ago and have really enjoyed village life so far. I look forward to getting to know the school and its important role in shaping the community over the coming months. I have worked in education for almost ten years; I am currently deputy head of a secondary school in Oxford, where I focus on pastoral care and wellbeing alongside my role as designated safeguarding lead. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, going to the theatre and being out in nature (particularly the murmurations on Otmoor!)

**Emma Brown – Foundation Governor, SIAMs link governor, Governor Development Link Governor, Member of the Headteacher Appraisal Committee**



Hello I'm Emma, I am new to the governing board, I started in September 2023 and have been appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education. I live in the village having moved back to the area from London 2 years ago. I grew up in nearby Brill and attended the village Church of England Primary School there and have very happy memories of my time at school. I've worked within the Education Sector for over 25 years. I started my career as a teacher and developed an interest in the role IT can play in supporting learning and teaching. I now work for an IT company that works solely in Education. My newest hobby is gardening and I'm on a very steep learning curve at the moment, my fingers aren't that green yet! I look forward to being part of the school and wider community.

**Emma Goulart – Co-opted Governor, Curriculum & Assessment Link Governor, Finance Link Governor (shared role), Member of Headteacher Appraisal Committee, Member of Policy Review Working Group**



Hello I'm Emma and my younger daughter attends the school. I've been a governor since early 2022. It's great to be involved with the school, helping to make sure it is a happy place where children can grow. I currently work as a Student Progress Manager for a homeschooling company, supporting homeschooled secondary level students all over the world. I previously had an over 12 year career working in Environmental Management for UK government agencies including research management and policy development in topics as diverse as the health impacts of pollution, nanotechnology and flooding. I love travel and the outdoors, and have lived in the USA, Switzerland and Canada, as well as various places in the UK.

**Graham Mogridge – Co-opted Governor, Finance Link Governor (shared role), Pupil Premium Link Governor, Member of the Pay Committee**



Hello – I'm Graham, and I'm happy to be a governor at Charlton with both Finance and Pupil Premium responsibilities. I was born, and continue to live in Oxfordshire, and have relevant experience in education. I trained to teach through the Teach First programme, teaching in a disadvantaged school in West London. Currently, I am a subject leader in a state-funded secondary free-school in Oxford. I mainly teach Computing and Economics and have undergraduate degrees in both.

In my free time, I enjoy travelling, reading, watching films, and spending time with furry friends.

**Dave Chatterley – Parent Governor, GDPR and Health & Safety Link Governor, Member of the Policy Review Working Group, Member of the Pay Committee**



Greetings! My name is Dave Chatterley, and I am honoured to serve as a Parent Governor, as well as the GDPR and Health & Safety Link Governor. I am currently employed at Activate Learning, one of the largest educational groups in the UK, where I hold the position of Group Head of Governance and Compliance. As a member of the group leadership team, I am responsible for overseeing the Administration, Health and Safety, and Governance and Compliance (Governors, GDPR, Complaints, Policies and Procedures) departments across our 8 college sites.

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending quality time with my two children, who also attend this school. I am passionate about music, and I love to indulge in comedy and sci-fi films / TV shows.

**Laura Airey – Staff Governor, Website and Marketing Link Governor**



Hello, I am Laura Airey and I am class teacher at Charlton on Otmoor. I joined the school in 2021 after previously teaching KS2 in Hertfordshire for 5 years. A high point of my teaching career was having the Prime Minister visit my classroom at the end of lockdown! I love working in a small village school where I can really get to know all the children, parents and teachers: it is a great community. I enjoy teaching practically and using the outdoors, as well as having interest in helping children with SEN. In my spare time I love to read, practice yoga, go for long dog walks and eat nice food! I am pleased to be on the governing board to help the school to provide the best education for all of the children.