Who’s Who on the Governing Body

Chair (Partnership Governor): Lynne O’Reilly

Lynne joined the Governing Body in November 2013. She spent her career in the IT industry in a number of technical, marketing and commercial roles, most recently as Commercial Director for a large international IT consulting business. She is a founding governor of a local secondary free school.

Lynne lives locally and has two children, one of whom is currently at George Abbot.

Head: Louisa Dormer

I have worked at Bushy Hill Junior School since September 2004 and became substantive Head in 2012. It remains a privilege to lead such an amazing school and a brilliant community of children who never cease to inspire with their attitude and appetite for learning. Bushy Hill is a very special place to work and I am passionate about providing the best possible care and education for all within our community.

I have two boys who keep me busy outside of school, playing cricket, meeting friends and building Lego!

Vice Chair (Parent Governor): Jennifer Duke

Also SEN Governor. Joined the Governing Body in November 2015 as a parent governor.

My three children have attended Bushy Hill and are now studying at George Abbot. I work for an international executive search firm and spend my working day recruiting chairs and non-executive directors for commercial organisations. Our clients are listed businesses, privately held and family owned companies and trade associations.

I am a keen runner during my leisure time, at 10K, half and full marathon distances and am a regular volunteer at Guildford parkrun.
Education Lead (LA Governor): Kevin Cox

Kevin joined the Governing Body in March 2015. A solicitor by background, he moved into industry and has enjoyed a variety of roles developing, financing and running large power and water businesses. He has spent many years working overseas in Singapore, USA and the Middle East. He now runs a property development company based in Guildford.

Kevin is married with two teenage daughters. He enjoys maximising family time, tennis (playing), rugby (watching), travelling and getting out into the local countryside with the family Labrador.

Co-opted Governor: Misty Bower

Misty joined the Governing Body May 2017. As CEO of Matrix, a local Christian Youth Work charity, she is committed to the seeing the young people of Guildford make the most of their lives. She also has a Primary Teaching background and a Masters in Education and Social Justice. Misty lives in Guildford with her husband and 2 teenage children and spends any free time being creative in the garden and with her sewing machine.

Staff Governor: Sarah Johns

Sarah joined Bushy Hill as a Senior Leader in January 2013, having relocated from Hampshire where she taught for 5 years. Sarah has a wealth of teaching experience across KS2 having been our Lead Practitioner in the Guildford’s Educational Partnership. Along with this, Sarah has been our Mathematics and EVC Leader and joined the Governing body in Sep 2017.

In her time outside of school, Sarah is a keen traveller, having visited a number of South-eastern Asian countries, and worked in a Mexican Orphanage. Sarah is due to start maternity leave in March 2020.

Parent Governor: Martin Greenbank

Martin joined the Governing Body in September 2017. He is Head of Advertising Research & Development at Channel 4 TV, having spent 20 years working in media planning, within some of the UK’s leading advertising and media agencies agencies. Martin currently has 2 children at Bushy with another at George Abbot. Outside of work, he can be found running or cycling across the North Downs, and still finds time to occasionally compete with other like-minded 'Mamils'.
Co-opted Governor: Matthew Poole
Matthew joined the governing body in September 2018. He is currently Head of Years 7 and 8 at Hoe Valley School in Woking, which he joined in September 2017. He has been a teacher for 5 years previously working in a large secondary school in Kent. Matthew is a big "rugby man" enjoying everything to do with rugby and he currently plays for Guildford rugby club. He is also a keen linguist so enjoys indulging that passion by spending as much time as he can in French cafés and Spanish tapas bars.

Co-opted Governor: Paul Springthorpe
Paul joined the Governing Body in December 2018. A civil engineer by training, he has spent most of his career in commercial and strategic infrastructure development roles at Heathrow Airport. Paul is married with 2 sons, one at Merrow and one at Bushy.

Away from the touchlines on a Sunday morning with his boys, Paul likes to ski and recently took up road cycling with the Charlottesville Cycling Club. He also has a passion for technology and anything automotive!

Parent Governor: David Wright
David joined the governing body in December 2019 as a parent governor. He is a civil servant and currently works on apprenticeships and other aspects of technical education. He also has extensive experience working with schools and local authorities on school improvement, and a working knowledge of school data and other performance measures.

David's daughter is currently in Year 4 at Bushy Hill, and outside work he is endeavouring to get back in to running to get himself back in to shape.

Partnership Governor: Claire McDonnell
Claire joined the governing body in December 2019 and lives in Mayford near Woking. Before having children, she worked in financial services as a paraplanner however, more recently, she has been part of the founding group that opened Hoe Valley School, a new secondary school in Woking, where she remains as a governor. She has three children aged 15, 11 and 7, the older two attend HVS and the youngest attends their local primary school. She has gained plenty of experience working with the issues schools currently face.