

Oakfield Governor Personal Statements

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Linda Bundy Co-Opted Governor

I have served as a governor at Oakfield School for 15 years, having previously been a staff governor. I have worked at Oakfield for almost 30 years. The majority of this time I have been the Early Years Teaching Assistant. However, I have been associated with Oakfield for over 33 years as both my children attended the school and now my three grand-daughters are here. I am totally committed to providing the best possible care and education for the children of Oakfield and by being part of the governor team understand how these outcomes can be achieved by supporting and challenging decisions to facilitate this.

Tony Jerrett Co-opted Governor

My children first went to Oakfield in 1975, a school which they both loved. I first became involved in the School when the Friends of Oakfield (FOO) was formed. My children left Oakfield when it became a First School in 1977. It was then that I was invited by the local County Councillor to become a Governor on the newly formed Managing Body of Oakfield, (Primary schools had Managers at that time). I spent two years as Vice Chair and then took up position as Chair which I held for 16 years.

Fourteen years after becoming a First School, Oakfield reverted back to a Full Range Primary school which it remains today.

In 1995, due to working away at the time, I resigned as Chair but remained on Oakfield's Governing Body. I am at present Chair of the School Improvement Committee which monitors progress the children are making, trying to ensure that pupils get the correct curriculum and opportunities that will enable them to achieve, to best of their ability, in a happy, friendly and safe environment. I was therefore very pleased that Oakfield was graded as Good in the last Ofsted inspection, which recognised the hard work that has been put in by the Staff at Oakfield. I am currently the maths-link governor

Andy Sutton Local Authority Governor

My son Luke started at Oakfield in 1995, and I became a parent governor in 1998. In 2004 I became a Local Authority appointed governor, and have been Chair for 9 years. I feel privileged to work with such dedicated staff and fellow governors, and believe that together we can give our children the best possible start in life, and prepare them for their secondary education. What could be more worthwhile than seeing our children eager to learn, and being safe and happy. The most important factor that we must always foster is the partnership between the school and home

which we really encourage at Oakfield. It is very good to receive such positive feedback from Testwood regarding pupils from Oakfield.

I am on both of our committees and I am the Safeguarding governor.

Andy Biss Associate Governor

I am an associate governor at Oakfield and have a son in Y5 and a daughter in Y3. I was a parent governor for 4 years and am on the Management & Resources committee where we, with the expert help of the Admin Staff, look after the school finances. I support the chair with Safeguarding.

I feel it is important to be as active in school as possible to help to provide a well-rounded education for all the children.

John Lawrence Co-Opted Governor

I have in the past been a parent governor at Oakfield, currently a co-opted governor and currently also a governor at Testwood School which also included a term of office as Chair of Governors.

My reasons for wanting to become a governor were, to give something back to the local community, and to help contribute to the continued successful development of both staff and pupils at Oakfield Primary School. I wanted to help the school and its governors with the future challenges that we face, and to ensure that every pupil has the best possible start in their education.

I have over 40 years of experience working in IT in various roles, and I have been retired for the past 16 years. My experience has given me a broad set of skills including experience in communicating with a wide range of end users and stakeholders and enabling change. I am currently the training/development governor.

Martyn Ashmead Co-Opted Governor

I have been working in education for nearly 40 years, as a teacher, including deputy headship level, an education adviser and inspector. I have worked for several local authorities and a national education organisation. Now that I am nearing the end of my own career, I wish to continue to use the knowledge and experience I have gained over this time to support Oakfield in raising achievement for all and helping all pupils fulfil their potential. I passionately believe that when all members of a school community work together it can make a significant difference to pupils' success and enjoyment of their time at school.

I am currently vice-chair and also English-link governor.

Paul Lailey – Parent Governor

I wanted to become a Parent Governor at Oakfield because I feel that I have relevant skills and experience to offer and I am keen to support my children's school. My daughter is currently Year 3 and enjoys being at Oakfield Primary School, whilst my son will start in Reception next September. We live close to the school and are active members of the local community through our involvement with Testwood Baptist Church. I am currently Chair of the Totton Family Fun Day team, hosting a large free day out for families on Testwood Recreation Ground every June.

I am the Head Teacher of a primary school in Wiltshire and I have previously led two small schools in Gloucestershire. During my career I have taught across the whole primary age range in a variety of different schools.

As a governor, I want to support the school governors and staff in their school improvement journey. Working within another Local Authority also gives me a slightly different perspective on national issues and initiatives. I aim to be an active member of the governing body supporting the school leadership to provide the best education for our children. As the governor with responsibility for Early Years I am determined to support the school ensure that our children have the very best start to their education.

Sarah Deverill-West Parent Governor

I have been a parent governor since November 2017. My daughter is in year 1 and hopefully my son will be joining year R in September 2018. I have been a teacher for 13 years within a variety of secondary schools and now in my current role, I train new teachers. I am the link governor for SEND and Pupil premium, areas which I am very passionate about. I look forward to working with the governors and the school staff to make Oakfield the very best in can be for our children.