



## Manor Infant School and Nursery Governing Board.

The following are short introductions to the members of your school's governing board.

**Christine Elmer: Local Authority Governor and Chair of Governors**

I have been a governor at Manor Infant School since September 2013; initially as vice-chair of the Interim Executive Board and, since October 2014, as Chair of Governors.

My reasons for taking on the roles were twofold. Firstly, I hoped that my wide-ranging experience in the field of education would prove useful. I've been a teacher (initially in a number of Portsmouth schools), headteacher, teacher trainer and leadership advisor, both in the UK and abroad. I am now semi-retired but still work with the National College for Teaching and Leadership carrying out assessments of aspiring headteachers as well as middle and senior school leaders. Secondly, I have enjoyed working with the school staff at all levels and seeing the cultural changes that have been made. Manor Infants has now been graded by Ofsted as a Good school in all areas. This is a clear testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff and to their shared understanding of the needs of young children when enabling them to fulfil their potential and develop a love of learning.

School governors have an important part to play in setting the strategic direction of the school, as well as acting as critical friends, and I am enjoying the part I am playing in this journey.

**Daphne Gale: Co-Opted Governor.**

I spent most of my teaching career in Portsmouth and strongly believe that Portsmouth children can and should achieve at the highest levels. I joined the governing board of Manor Infants when it was in Special Measures and have been part of the school's journey to its present position of Good. It has been an incredible journey working with such a passionate Head Teacher and Staff who are absolutely determined to do their best for every single child.

Three of my grandchildren have grown up in the area and attended local schools. One has just left university, one has just started at Portsmouth University, and a third is at college. I have a fourth grandchild with severe special needs. I volunteer with support 4SEND which supports parents of special needs children in Hampshire and as a result, visit many different schools in the county. I am

the SEN Governor at Manor Infants and regularly witness the high quality practises that take place in this school.

### Shereen Robinson: Co-Opted Governor.

I moved to Portsmouth in October 2017 and live close to the School. I am keen to get more involved in the local community as a School Governor and broaden my experience as I really enjoyed my time at school and further education. I think Education is important and having looked around the School, I was very impressed with the facilities, enthusiasm of the children and commitment from the Head and staff especially since achieving the OFSTED rating as a Good school.

I want to play a part in improving the quality of education and support staff and parents in achieving positive outcomes and high standards for the children that attend the school. Most of my working career has been working in Human Resources within the public sector. I have worked in higher education and am currently working for the NHS.

### Rosalyn Anderson: Co-Opted Governor.

Now retired, my working life of 37 years was mainly within local government having been employed by Portsmouth City Council, Portsmouth Polytechnic (now the University), and finally with Hampshire County Council. I was born and brought up in Portsmouth.

My varied experience gained while at work included finance and budgeting, personnel/HR, IT and systems development, line management, health and safety, and quality management. I have been a member of both the Chartered Management Institute and Chartered Quality Institute for over 20 years.

I am a strong believer in lifelong learning and personal development. I joined Manor Infant School as a Co-opted Governor in October 2014. I have been very impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of all the staff and their determination to instil a love of learning and achievement in all the children.

Initially I helped the school develop a system for its policies and procedures ensuring all statutory requirements were met. I have enjoyed classroom visits watching the way in which children are taught, nurtured and encouraged to enjoy their learning. More recently I have been involved with looking at how the school assesses children's attainment and progress and ensures plans and actions target help where it is needed. In September 2017 I accepted the role as link governor for health and safety.

### Zoe Banks: Parent Governor

At the beginning of the academic year 2017-2018, I became a parent governor for Manor Infant, where my son attends in year 1. I was very impressed with how much he learnt and enjoyed year R and I'm excited to watch his progression throughout Manor Infant, which is one of the reasons I expressed an interest in becoming a governor.

Although I have never had any educational roles before, my parents were both exceptional teachers/tutors in various areas, for various levels of education and I have therefore witnessed the demands that education can bring but more importantly the rewards when pupils succeed. Being of a mature age I have experienced many things during my lifetime and I believe I can

implement a lot towards the education of our future adults. Most of my career has revolved around dealing with the public in a managerial position, however I have always been thought of as the "go to" person when performing as part of a team. Thus I am confident and able to express concerns and gratitude about issues which may arise, which I feel will lead to a very good connection with other parents if and when needed.

I also believe that learning and developing into society includes having a general knowledge of the realistic world around us, along with educational schooling, which I hope to encourage among our children's journey through the school.

#### **Jenna Saunders: Parent Governor**

In September 2017, I became a parent governor. I live in Portsmouth and I also have a 6 year old son who currently attends Manor Infant. I have been able to see first-hand the progress that Manor Infant has made as I also have a 10 year old daughter who attended this school back in 2013, which is when Ofsted first became involved with the school. The progress achieved has been exceptional.

Since March 2017 I have been a lunchtime supervisory assistant and I thoroughly enjoy my role. I have a BTEC first diploma in Health and Social care, which I achieved when I first left school. I am extremely interested in being a part of the school governing board as I feel I would be able to put forward many ideas about helping the school to continue on its upward path towards education.

#### **Cheryl Morris: Co-Opted Governor.**

I live locally in Portsmouth. I attended Bramble Road, Langstone and Priory schools in Portsmouth and currently work for one of the big 4 banks.

I have a 2:1 BA Hons in Childhood and Youth studies which was achieved whilst working full time. Why do I want to be a governor? Simple, I want all children to have access to a good education.

#### **Tamara Groen: Co-Opted Governor.**

I joined Manor Infant School and Nursery as a Co-opted Governor in July 2018. During this short time, I have been delighted by the school's ethos, the pupils' enthusiasm for learning and the dedication of the staff and governors. The progress made in the past five years from special measures to Ofsted-rated 'Good' is impressive and I am pleased to be a part of Manor Infant School's journey towards 'Excellent'.

A passionate advocate of creativity in education and with a background in theatre, my career both in education and the arts has taken many guises. This has ranged from performer, director and theatre-maker to working with children, young people, artists with disabilities and vulnerable adults to access the arts and cultural and educational opportunities within Portsmouth and Hampshire.

I am proud to be as a foster carer who specialises in supporting Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. With a keen interest in environmental and social justice issues, I am also a blogger on living green in Portsmouth and an activist for the Portsmouth Green Party.

I believe strongly in creative learning and I hope to bring this, together with my questioning nature and tenacious attitude, to the role of Governor.

## Lisa Kenward: Staff Governor

In September 2018, I became Staff Governor. I have worked at Manor Infant School since 2003 in various roles including Teaching Assistant, Lunchtime Supervisor and Admin Officer. My daughter also attended this school and is now training to be a teacher herself.

I am very proud of the journey that Manor Infant is and has taken and by being part of the governing body will do my best to support staff and children in the future.