





St John's Green Primary School – Governing Body – 2015 – 2016

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alan Short</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chair of Governors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(Local Authority Governor)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responsible for Child Protection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Linked to Foundation</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Born in 1944 and educated to degree level in Science, I arrived in Colchester in 1966 and have lived close to the town centre ever since. I spent most of my working life with BT or its earlier incarnations leaving in 1995. Since then I have worked as a Consultant on a largely part time basis visiting over 44 countries on short term contracts. I am now effectively retired.</p> <p>I decided to become a school governor some years ago partially through my wife's involvement before she retired as a Junior teacher and because one of my friends was also a school governor at 2 schools. St John's Green is the closest Primary school to where I live and seemed a natural choice following discussion with Essex County Council Education Department. I attended a very similar school, though not in such an iconic building as the Town Site, in my home town many years ago and though much has changed I still feel a connection to the atmosphere and children at the school.</p> <p>The occupation of the second building school expansion is now successfully underway and the school has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of the Senior Management Team and with the excellent support of the staff and governors.</p> <p>I now feel it is time to pass the baton to our very able Governors to take this forward into the future. So, I will be retiring from the Governing body in July 2016.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nicola Roberts</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vice Chair of Governors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(Parent Governor)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responsible for Continuing Professional Development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Linked to Year 2</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>My husband and I moved to Colchester in 2006 and when the time came for our oldest child to start school, I chose SJG because I wanted a school where every child is recognised to be an individual and encouraged to do their best. I became a parent governor in March 2014. I have always believed that the school has a great community spirit and I have admired the commitment of the staff. Now, as a mum with two children in the school and another due to start in 2019, I really want to help SJG be an outstanding school.</p> <p>My career background is mostly in the financial sector, doing project management, marketing and operations support. I have also always enjoyed working with children, and worked with a special needs children's charity prior to completing my Psychology BSc at Lancaster University, where I focused my studies on child development, education and 'how people learn'.</p> <p>I enjoy photography, writing, cinema and travelling with my family, and can often be seen in and around school, both during the day listening to children reading or helping on school trips, assisting with PTA activities and at pick up time. I strongly believe that with the whole school community working together we can help SJG be an even better school than it already is.</p>



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<p><u>Annie Fair</u></p>	<p><u>(Co-opted Governor)</u></p>	<p>Linked to Year 1</p>		<p>I'm a seamstress, and in 2000, after qualifying as a reflexologist, I worked with special needs children and their parents/carers for ten years.</p> <p>I have also worked with children and young people as a Youth Group and Junior Group Leader in the British Red Cross.</p> <p>The youngest of my 3 grown up children came to St. John's Green School and so did the eldest of my grandchildren.</p> <p>Being an "old girl" of this school myself, I feel privileged to be able, in a small way, to "give something back" by serving as a Governor.</p> <p>I enjoy coming into school regularly to listen to children reading.</p> <p>As a member of Artillery St. Evangelical Church, I also enjoy local history, coastal walks, reading and scrabble.</p> <p>I am also a part-time cashier in the local League of Hospital Friends.</p>
<p><u>Sophie Stubbings</u></p>	<p><u>(Parent Governor)</u></p> <p>Link Training and Safeguarding Governor</p> <p>Chair of Every Child Matters Committee</p>	<p>Linked to Year 4</p>		<p>My name is Sophie Stubbings and I am mum to 2 children in the school, Thomas and Isabel. I am married to Jon, who commutes to London. I am a Specialist Chartered Physiotherapist for Older People, working part time in the NHS and part time in private practice. I wanted to become a Governor to be more involved in the school, to have a say in how we can make St Johns Green be the best it can be and to help my children have the best education possible.</p> <p>I have a keen interest in literacy and have helped with reading in school for some time. I have also been heavily involved in the guiding movement for many years (was Brown Owl for 6 years) and have therefore been involved with children. We have a busy family life with Thomas playing football and Isabel doing ballet and tap dancing.</p> <p>I am extremely enthusiastic about pursuing the Parent Governor role.</p>



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Annette Whitwell</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Co-opted Governor)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair of the Personnel, Premises and Finance Committee</p>		<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>I'm Annette (Keane) Whitwell and I was born in Cork, Ireland. I have spent over twenty five years living in the UK and over fifteen living in Colchester. My husband, John, is an accountant and commutes to London. My career background was working for global firms of accountants and I also commuted to London. I specialised in personal and corporate insolvencies. Our jobs involved long hours and not much quality time. In 2012 I took a career break to spend time at home with the kids. My background in finance suits my role as Chair of the Personnel, Premises and Finance Committee.</p> <p>My daughter, Rosie, is currently at St John's Green and is very happy. Oscar, my son left in Sep 2015 and he loved his time at the school and remembers it very fondly. I have always been impressed by the amazing staff and how they continue to improving the learning experience and results. The school does have a community feel and I have made many good friends in the playground.</p> <p>Over time I got more involved in the school and went from helping with the cake stall to PTA to Governor. I have been a parent reader for over three years and am currently reading with Year 2 kids. I get a lot of joy from doing this. I am so pleased to give time to the school and work with the staff and Governors and strive towards making St John's Green an outstanding school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">My interests are reading, story writing, cooking, baking, DIY, theatre, travelling, board games, drinking copious amounts of tea and trying to crochet/knit something wearable!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Deborah Brand</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Parent Governor)</i></p>			<p>I moved to the Colchester area 11 years ago. My husband has worked on the same road as the school all this time and there we have walked past St John's Green many, many times. We have watched the Abbey Field site grow as our little boy grew and we decided St John's Green would be a great place for him to learn and he loves it!</p> <p>I've wanted to get more involved in his school life as it is the most important time for our young people to gain knowledge that will help them in their adult lives.</p> <p>I'm a Police Officer and have worked in safeguarding and public protection departments for the past 11 years, with 14 years previously working for the police in various crime units.</p> <p>I also like to encourage health and well-being and my passion is running. I've joined Colchester Parkrun to create a Junior Parkrun. You will see me many times turning up to the school gates in my active wear ready to run to work or see me and my son scooting along. I'm hoping to gain experience from being a Governor and also pass on anything which will make the school the best it can be.</p>



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Philip Shirley</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Co-opted Governor)</i></p>			<p>I was born in Colchester and have lived in the area for over 30 years, having lived in different parts of Essex, London and Manchester.</p> <p>I am very happy to be part of the Governing body at St John's, it seems to be an exciting and interesting period of its history.</p> <p>I am a teacher, working part time at the moment and have a wide experience of education in both Secondary schools and SEN. Being a governor is a responsible position and is an opportunity to help a school along the path to success.</p> <p>I am particularly interested in equal opportunities and have an experience of issues involved. I feel that I can contribute because of my knowledge of educational issues and experiences as a parish councillor and also as a union representative.</p> <p>I am keen to help the school resource itself for the coming years and achieve well for all of its students.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alexandra Ioannidou</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Socio Governor)</i></p>			<p>Having recently joined the Governing Body. I currently live in Colchester with my small daughter and work at Essex University. I hope to use my linguistic experience in support of the Governors in their strategic objectives to improve outcomes for the children.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vincent Luaces-Fernandez</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Parent Governor)</i></p>			<p>I'm originally from Reading but have lived in Colchester for six years now. I've been a Police Officer for thirteen years having always worked in a front line role. I was also an Officer in my old school's Combined Cadet Force for many years. This gave me the opportunity to help children develop leadership skills, confidence and self discipline. All important tools to be used in adult life. My aim is for our children to have access to the best education possible whilst being in a structured and supportive learning environment.</p> <p>I feel this is best accomplished by parents taking an active interest and working with teachers. By joining the governing body, I hope to be able to expand on all the good work that has been done by the school.</p>



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sarah Burke</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Staff Governor)</i></p>			<p>For nearly 15 years I have worked at SJG as the Catering Manager and I am passionate about my job. In this time, I have seen the school improve immensely through the hard work and dedication of its brilliant staff. I am proud to be a Governor.</p> <p>I am a mother to three children and have five wonderful grandchildren who keep me on my toes.</p> <p>In what little spare time I have, I enjoy walking and I love rowing which I do as part of the Rowhedge Coastal Rowing Club.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Simon Billings</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Headteacher</p>			<p>I have been Headteacher of St John's Green Primary School for nearly ten years now, having previously worked in Wickford and prior to that in Coventry.</p> <p>I care passionately about the school and am fundamental in my aim that I want children to enjoy coming to a school that cares for them and wants them to achieve the best they possibly can through a rich and challenging education.</p> <p>I have three children of my own, two boys and a girl and am fully aware of both the challenges and joys that having children brings. Catch me in an unguarded moment and I will quite happily expand on my three year old daughter's ability to run rings around every other living thing in the house or my son's ability to leave wakes of destruction in every room they visit.</p> <p>I think that St John's Green Primary School is a fantastic school and I feel privileged to be its Headteacher.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tina Bourne</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deputy Headteacher (Ex – Officio)</p>			<p>I am Deputy Headteacher at St John's Green Primary School. My subject specialisms are Maths and Music. I play the clarinet, saxophone and flute - though not all at the same time. I enjoy watching and helping our pupils develop into confident young people. We are a growing community and it is a privilege to be part of such a cohesive school.</p>



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<p><u>Fiona Bullivant</u></p>	<p>Assistant Headteacher (Ex-Officio)</p>			<p>I am Assistant Headteacher at St John's Green Primary School. I have been teaching at St John's Green for over 10 years and have been EYFS Co-ordinator for five years.</p> <p>I have really enjoyed ensuring that our youngest children's first experience of school life is a positive one and to support new parents during this transitional period.</p> <p>In my spare time, even though my children have grown up, they still keep me busy and with a very energetic Labrador, free time is a bonus. When I do have the odd moment, I enjoy watching films, going to the theatre, travelling and shopping.</p> <p>I am very proud of being part of our growing community at St John's Green and it is a privilege to be part of the team who made SJG such a brilliant school.</p>
<p><u>Philip Freeman</u></p>	<p>Clerk to the Governors Health and Safety</p>			<p>I work for Essex County Council Clerking Service and one of the Colchester schools that I work with is St John's Green Primary. I previously worked at the Gilbert School for 25 years in a variety of roles including periods as Headteacher and Deputy Head.</p>