



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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## Update from Jennett's Park Chair of Governors, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear all

After nearly 8 years as a Governor and 6 years as Chair of Governors at Jennett's Park, Claire Tootill has decided to take on a new role at Bonitas Trust. On behalf of governors and staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to Claire for her efforts and dedication to our school over the years; during which time the school was reaccredited under the SIAMS Framework as Good in 2019, achieved an Ofsted rating of Good in 2021, and achieved its best ever results across the whole school this year.

I would also like to thank Clare Nickols, who is stepping down at the end of 2024 after 6 years as a governor.

Which leaves me pleased to introduce myself as your new Chair of Governors, and Victoria Stageman & Zeiad Gadelmola as Co-Vice Chairs.

Being a school governor is a voluntary position, and whilst we aren't involved in the day-to-day operation and running of the school, our main responsibilities are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- Hold school leaders to account for the performance of the school and its staff, to ensure that every pupil has the best possible education
- Oversee the financial management of the school and make sure its money is well spent
- Engage with pupils, staff, parents and the school community to understand their views

We do this through:

- Attending governing board meetings and separate sub-committee meetings for Finance and for Admissions; with each group typically meeting 6 times a year outside of school hours
- Looking at information and evidence on the school's progress and discussing with school leaders
- Visiting the school to see plans working in practice, and listening to the views of staff, pupils and parents - for example through parent surveys

You can find out more information and contact details on the governors page on the school website:

<https://www.jennetts.bonitas.org.uk/community/governors/>

I aim to give you an update in January on what we have been up to during the Autumn Term, including supporting the school with the 5 new strategic foci for the 2024/25 school year: 'MOST-F'.

In the meantime, please see the next page for a short bio on each of your governors, to help you get to know us better, and to put faces to names in case you see us at school events.

**Stuart Marlow**

**Chair of Governors**





**Claire Wilmott: Co-opted Governor**

I am a Headteacher and SENCO at a local school and I have a son in Reception. I want to use my knowledge to support the school continue to grow and develop in all areas. I believe that Jennett’s Park community follow the Rainbow Promise in all they do and I believe this shines through the daily work we see.



**Clare Nickols: Foundation Governor**

Both my children have attended Jennett's Park with my eldest son starting on the day the school opened in September 2011, so rainbows have been part of our lives for a long time. My professional working background is within the NHS as Clinician and Service Leader. I originally became a Parent Governor in 2018 and moved to a Foundation Governor in 2022. I am proud to have been a part of the school's journey and to have been in the privileged position of being able to support the upward progression of our school and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all children. Over the years I have been the link Governor for Maths, Literacy, PE and EYFS.



**Elizabeth Savage: Headteacher**

As well as being Headteacher Jennett's Park CE Primary I am a Governor. I am unashamedly passionate about learning and serving my community. I chose to work in education to ultimately improve children's lives, as education and learning have the power to change lives. In total, I have been in leadership positions for over 20 years much of which was in class. I lead on the delivery of modules of the training for current and future leaders. I am a SIAMs inspector looking to see how schools can let their children flourish. I have specialisms in Inclusion and SEND, Wellbeing, Computing and International perspectives.



**Revd. Gareth Morley: Foundation Governor**

The provision of church schools is a key ministry of the Church of England. I am Rector of the Church in Easthampstead, which is this school’s parish church, as well as a father of three children (two of which are of primary school age). I support the school through governorship with a focus on safeguarding. I also assist the school in other ways such as with collective worship and Thrive. I have been a SEND governor of a secondary school previously. I am presently governor of another school and director of a pre-school in the parish. I bring a wealth of experience and a passion for every child in the parish to flourish and achieve under God’s love.



**Joy Venediktou: Staff Governor**

I have been a member of staff at Jennett's Park since 2012 and both my children previously attended the school. I currently teach in Year 5 and lead maths alongside my role as staff governor. I believe strongly in the values of our school and am committed to ensuring that we share those values not only with the children but with families, staff and the wider community.





**Stuart Marlow: Parent Governor & Chair of Governors**

I have two children at the school in the middle years and I have been a parent governor since January 2022; during which time I have been very involved with the school finances, including being Chair of the Finance Committee last year. I have a background working in Finance and HR and I want to use my experience to help our school continue to grow and flourish. I believe the Rainbow Promise is what makes our school a special place and can be seen in the way our children collaborate, support and care for each other as they learn.



**Tessa Parker-Mann: Co-opted Governor**

I have 2 boys at the school, one in year 1 and the other has just started in the Nursery. My professional background lies within the Motortrade where I deal with audits and claim management. I believe the school is at the heart of our community and really want to help the school continue in its development, achieve all its goals and be a successfully and nurturing environment.



**Victoria Stageman: Foundation Governor, Co-Vice Chair of Governors & Chair of Admissions**

My two daughters have attended JP since Nursery - they are now in years 3 and 5. My son has just moved up to The Rise@GHC after seven years at JP. I have always worked with children and my current role involves working with SEND services and parent carers. I have been a Governor for 6 years now and I became a governor because I care about education and ensuring children have a good start in life. JP's vision of empowering our children to flourish and achieve is something I truly believe in.



**Zeiad Gadelmola: Parent Governor, Co-Vice Chair of Governors & Chair of Finance**

I am a parent of a child in the middle years at the school and bring a professional background in consulting and project management. I look forward to applying my skills to support the school, its students, and the wider community. I believe that the well-being of our children should always be the primary focus, and I am confident that, with continued collaboration, we can build on the school's strengths to achieve even greater success.

