

Governor Information and Pen Portrait

Name	Appointing Body	Term of Office ends	Register of Interests
Mr. Dean Aspinall Pen Portrait: Ilminster resident, married, who has two Children, Piers and Eloise who have both attended Greenfylde and Swanmead. Financial Services Director having 33 years' experience with knowledge and skills that help support many of the challenges faced by schools in these challenging times. Committed to ensuring the children in Ilminster have the option of being educated locally to the highest possible standard. Longest serving governor currently in my eighth year and looking to continue to serve all the time there is a need. Keen sports fan particularly Rugby Union being a season ticket holder along with the rest of his family at Exeter Chiefs Premiership Rugby. Also enjoys travel, skiing and running the odd Marathon.	Co-Opted	31.12.18	None
Mrs. Marian Gamper (Chair) Pen Portrait: Marian retired to Somerset in 2012 but was keen to find a way to be useful & exploit her teaching experience - at least before it became too out-of-date! Invited to visit Swanmead, she was immediately struck by its "buzz" & warm, friendly atmosphere & was very happy to volunteer for its governing team. <i>(A graduate of the Universities of Bristol & York, she taught English as a Foreign Language in Turkey (VSO), Lisbon (British Council), London & Hamburg. After having 4 children & 2 years cover teaching in Bedfordshire Middle & Upper Schools, she became a full-time, secondary English teacher. Following several years as Head of English in first an Upper School & then a Northamptonshire 11-18 school, she moved to a cross-curricular post comprising Whole School Literacy, a Most Able students programme & a Key Stage 3 Thinking Skills programme.)</i>	Co-Opted	31.12.18	None
Mrs. Val Keitch Pen Portrait: Val grew up in Curry Rivel. Her family have long connections with Ilminster. Val attended Grammar school in Taunton. She continued her education in Taunton and Bristol. Qualifying in Hotel and Catering Management, working for School meals in Somerset, Dorset and West Sussex. When the government subsidy was cut, Val left and attended Kingston University, where she qualified as a Probation Officer. She joined Surrey Probation service and worked in a variety of roles in the community and within the Prison service. Her last posting was on secondment, advising the Home Office on the resettlement of women leaving custody. On retirement Val settled in Ilminster and managed the award winning Community Justice Panel, retiring from that post after 8 years in 2013. Val is still retained as a Trainer and Consultant for the IIRP and believes passionately in Restorative Justice. Val has spoken and presented at many National and International conferences on the subject. Val is a member of Ilminster Town and South Somerset District Council. Val is currently the Mayor of Ilminster.	Co-Opted	21.10.19	IIRP Trainer Councillor – Ilminster Town Council Councillor – South Somerset District Council
Mr. Steve Sowden Pen Portrait: Somerset born and bred Steve Sowden has worked in the local media industry for nearly 30 years on various local newspapers within the county, while since 2013 he has been freelance and run a number of independent news/leisure websites including Ilminster Press which can be found at www.ilminsterpress.co.uk . Steve has always been impressed by what he has found at Swanmead School while covering different events and stories for the local media, so has been delighted to take up an opportunity to get involved with the school as a governor. Steve's interests include sport, particularly football and cricket, albeit now in a spectator role and thoroughly enjoys the social aspect of the games.	Local Authority	22.02.21	Journalist for Yeovil Press, Chard Press, Ilminster & Bridgwater Press
Mr. Jesse Patisson Pen Portrait: Jesse originally come from Lewes in Sussex where he was educated until he went away to University in Plymouth and did a BSc (Hons) in Agriculture and Countryside Management. Jesse then worked as an Agricultural Commodities Trader before becoming CEO of Atlas Agriculture in Suffolk. He moved to Somerset in 2004 and now owns Brown and Forrest Smokery Ltd in Hambridge. He is married to Charlie (a Somerset girl through and through) and they have four children, the eldest of whom is in her second year at Swanmead. He loves all Sports (except Football!) and is Chairman of the Barrington Cricket Club.	Parent	31.08.20	Brown and Forrest Smokery Ltd.
Mr. Duncan Perks Pen Portrait: Duncan grew up and was state educated in Cheshire and following his studies, he joined Sainsbury's' Management Trainee Scheme in London. Following this early stage of his career, he joined a fledgling company in the construction industry which he grew to a £10m turnover business. In	Parent	31.08.20	None

2002 he set up his own business and has successfully developed his career and commercial interests in Building and Property Development. Duncan is married to Claire, who grew up in Somerset. Having both worked and met in London, they chose to have a home in Somerset, and since 2002 they have lived in Ilminster and continued their careers in London. They chose for their son, Marcus, to be educated in Somerset, and he attends Swanmead. Duncan has a passionate belief in the provision of state education. He is totally committed to ensuring Swanmead moves forward and continues to achieve. This is Duncan's first role as a Governor and he feels he can bring both personal and professional knowledge to the Board of Governors. Duncan enjoys being active with the family, supports Ilminster Town FC (or at least the U10s who Marcus plays for, and who is mastering the art of the tackle) and Duncan can often be found in Bonners given his passion for good food and provenance.

Mrs. Kate Priddle	Co-Opted	31.08.20	Somerset Skills & Learning – Training Provide (employee)
<p>Pen Portrait: Kate has lived in the town for 31 years and she and her husband have two children who came through the towns 2 school system. Kate works next to the school for SSL and has worked as a Careers Adviser and more recently a Curriculum Team Leader for SSL's employability offer - this includes provision for the 16- 24 pre-apprenticeship programmes. (Traineeships). She has worked for SSL for nearly fourteen years and in that time has gained a Post Graduate Certificate in Education – Guidance studies and successfully gained Qualified Teaching & Learning Status. Other roles have included working within the housing and care sector and working with adults who have learning difficulties or issues with their mental health. Kate has taught a variety of courses dependant on need and labour market information. Her students range from school leavers to 80 so far! She has been observed, interviewed and played a big part of the evidence finding process during many Ofsted inspections over the years. Kate became a Governor as she now has time to commit to this exciting and rewarding role. She is looking forward to seeing how the school develops and in getting to know the children and staff at Swanmead School further.</p>			
Mrs. Winifred Nakayama	Co-Opted	31.12.18	Teacher at Greenfylde School
<p>Pen Portrait: Win qualified as a Primary School teacher in 1997 and has taught at schools in West Sussex, Essex and Somerset. Attracted by all it has to offer, Win and her husband moved to Ilminster in 2004 and now have 2 children both at school in the town. Wanting to become more involved in the community, Win was keen to take on the role of governor at Swanmead following four years as a committee member at Cygnets Pre-school.</p>			
Mr. Mark Raven (Staff Governor)	Staff	31.08.20	None
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Mr. Mark Walker (Headteacher)	Headteacher	-	None
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Mrs. Natalie Wainwright	Clerk to Governors	01.02.17	None

CATEGORY	PERSONNEL
Parent	Jesse Pattisson Duncan Perks
Staff	Mark Raven
Headteacher	Mark Walker
Local Authority	Steve Sowden
Co-opted	Dean Aspinall Marian Gamper Val Keitch Winifred Nakayama Kate Priddle
Co-Opted Vacancy	(Lucy Clemas) (Helen Derry)
TOTAL	1 2

Governors resigned since August 2015

Name	Appointing Body	Date of Resignation
Mrs. Clare Bradshaw	Local Authority	31 st August 2015
Mr. Colin Horne	Parent	31 st August 2015
Mr. Tim Scott	Co-Opted	17 th September 2015
Mrs. Susan Wheeler	Parent	16 th October 2015
Mrs. Lynn Davis	Co-Opted	11 th December 2015
Mrs. Tina Young	Co-Opted	15 th April 2016
Mrs. Helen Derry	Co-Opted	4 th May 2017
Ms. Lucy Cemas	Co-Opted	Summer Holidays 2017

Governors' Attendance at Meetings – 2016 – 2017

Name	15th September	20th October	24th November	26th January	23rd February	21st March	4th May	8th June	6th July
Mr. Dean Aspinall	✓	✓	Apologies	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓
Ms. Lucy Clemas	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	Apologies but joined for one item	✓
Mrs. Helen Derry	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	Resigned		
Mrs. Marian Gamper	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Val Keitch	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	Apologies	Apologies	✓
Mrs. Winifred Nakayama	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Jesse Pattisson	✓	✓	Apologies	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies
Mr. Duncan Perks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies
Mrs. Kate Priddle	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓
Mr. Mark Raven	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Steve Sowden					✓	✓	✓	Apologies	Apologies
Mr. Mark Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Helen Stonier - Clerk up to 30/9/16	✓								
Mrs. Ann Kivett - Acting Clerk 1/10/16–31/01/17		Apologies	✓	✓					
Mrs. Natalie Wainwright Clerk w.e.f. 01/02/17				Observer ✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mrs. Sue Spurway Finance Officer	Not required	✓	✓	✓	Not required	✓	Not Required	✓	
Mr. Steve Sowden (Observer)		✓	Apologies	✓	Now a Governor				

