

Governor Information and Pen Portrait

Name	Appointing Body	Term of Office ends	Register of Interests
Mr. Dean Aspinall	Co-Opted	31.12.18	None
<p>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.</p>			
Mrs. Marian Gamper (Chair)	Co-Opted	31.12.18	None
<p>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in 2012 but was keen to find a way to be useful & exploit her teaching experience - at least before it became too out-of-date!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></p>			
Mrs. Kate Murdoch	Co-Opted	21.02.22	
<p>Pen Portrait: I grew up in Ilminster and attended the local schools, Greenfylde, Swanmead and Wadham. After moving away to study at Birmingham University and completing my Masters at South Bank University I moved back to Ilminster with my partner Simon. I have two children, Annie and Josie who attend Swanmead and Greenfylde respectively. I specialise in planning and policy development and currently work for Taunton Deane Borough Council on the local development plan. I am also a trustee for the Ilminster Warehouse Theatre and involved in the fundraising committee to deliver the Old Bakery Performing Arts Studio for the town.</p>			
Mr. Jesse Pattisson (Vice-Chair)	Parent	31.08.20	Brown and Forrest Smokery Ltd.
<p>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.</p>			
Mr. Duncan Perks	Parent	31.08.20	None
<p>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</p>			

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 town's 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
Mrs. Michaela Sharman	Co-opted	22.11.21	None
<p>Pen Portrait: Michaela grew up in Crewkerne and went through the three-tier system attending Maiden Beech and Wadham. She now lives in Yeovil with her husband and their three children. Before entering the teaching profession, Michaela completed a BA(Hons) Business and Management degree through Bournemouth University. She worked for 10 years at Yeovil College and was involved in Apprenticeship training and the data management systems. After the birth of her third child, Michaela decided to pursue her dream of teaching and began working at Preston School Academy as an SEN teaching assistant. After gaining a couple of years' experience of working in a secondary school she then attended Bath Spa University to complete her PGCE in Secondary Mathematics. Michaela has been a member of staff at Swanmead Community School since June 2014.</p>			
Mr. Mark Walker (Headteacher)	Headteacher	-	None

Mrs. Natalie Wainwright	Clerk to Governors	-	None
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Composition of the Governing Body and Vacancies

CATEGORY	PERSONNEL
Parent	Jesse Pattisson Duncan Perks
Staff	Mark Raven
Headteacher	Mark Walker
Local Authority	VACANCY
Co-opted	Dean Aspinall Marian Gamper Kate Murdoch Winifred Nakayama Kate Priddle Michaela Sharman VACANCY
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 Clemas	Co-Opted	Summer Holidays 2017
Mr. Steve Sowden	Local Authority	23 rd November 2017
Miss. Val Keitch	Co-Opted	18 th September 2018

Governors' Attendance at Meetings – 2018-2019

Name	20th September	18th October	22nd November	17th January	14th February	14th March	2nd May	13th June	11th July
Mr. Dean Aspinall	✓								
Mrs. Marian Gamper	✓								
Kate Murdoch	✓								
Mrs. Winifred Nakayama	✓								
Mr. Jesse Pattisson	✓								
Mr. Duncan Perks	✓								
Mrs. Kate Priddle	✓								
Mr. Mark Raven	✓								
Mrs. Michaela Sharman	✓								
Mr. Mark Walker	✓								
<i>(LA Vacancy)</i>									
<i>(Co-opted Vacancy)</i>									
Mrs. Natalie Wainwright Clerk	✓								
Mrs. Sue Spurway Finance Officer	Not Required								

Governors' Attendance at Meetings – 2017 – 2018

Name	28th September	19th October	23rd November	25th January	22nd February	22nd March	3rd May	7th June	5th July
Mr. Dean Aspinall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Marian Gamper	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Val Keitch	✓	Apologies	✓	Apologies	Apologies	✓	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Kate Murdoch				Observer	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓	Apologies
Mrs. Winifred Nakayama	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	Apologies
Mr. Jesse Pattison	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies
Mr. Duncan Perks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Kate Priddle	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	Apologies	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Mark Raven	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Michaela Sharman		Observer	Apologies Co-opted	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓
Mr. Steve Sowden <i>(resigned 23.11.2017)</i>	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies/ Resigned						
Mr. Mark Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>(LA Vacancy)</i>									
Mrs. Natalie Wainwright Clerk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Sue Spurway Finance Officer	Not Required	✓	Not Required	Not Required	✓	Not Required	✓	✓	Not Required

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	✓	Not Required
Mr. Steve Sowden (Observer)		✓	Apologies	✓	Now a Governor				

Governors' Attendance at Meetings – 2015 - 2016

Name	17th September	22nd October	26th November	28th January	25th February	17th March	5th May	9th June	7th July
Mr. Dean Aspinall	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Ms. Lucy Clemas		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Helen Derry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Marian Gamper	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Val Keitch		✓	Apologies	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	Apologies	✓
Mrs. Winifred Nakayama	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Mark Raven	✓	✓	✓	Apologies	✓	Apologies	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Mark Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Tina Young	Apologies	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apologies			
				Rachel Perkins Spencer Watts	Sue Spurway				Duncan Perks
Mrs. Helen Stonier, Clerk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓