

Governor Information and Pen Portrait

Name	Appointing Body	Term of Office ends	Register of Interests
Mr. Dean Aspinall	Co-Opted	16.01.23	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 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	16.01.23	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in 2012 but was keen to find a way to be useful & exploit her teaching experience - at least before it became too out-of-date!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. (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.)</p>			
Mrs. Kate Murdoch	Co-Opted	21.02.22	Child attends Swanmead. Partner employed at Greenfylde.
<p>Pen Portrait: Kate grew up in Ilminster and attended the local schools, Greenfylde, Swanmead and Wadham. After moving away to study at Birmingham University and completing a Masters at South Bank University, she moved back to Ilminster with her partner Simon. Kate has two children, who attend Swanmead and Greenfylde respectively. Kate specialises in planning and policy development and currently works for Taunton Deane Borough Council on the local development plan. Kate is 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 last 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	Child attends Swanmead.
<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 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 team that 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.</p>			

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 for Somerset Skills and Learning (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 over fifteen 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>			
Mr. Mark Raven (Staff Governor)	Staff	31.08.20	None
Mrs. Michaela Sharman	Co-opted	22.11.21	Member of teaching Staff at Swanmead.
<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 a 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 Cook	Co-opted	16.01.23	Child attends Swanmead.
<p>Originally from Axminster, Mark graduated from Colyton Grammar school and subsequently attended RAF Cosford Technical College, where he studied Avionics. After a 10-year career in the RAF he emigrated to the USA and joined Xerox, where he graduated from their industry-standard Management Training program. His corporate career and volunteer experiences in the USA and UK include General Management, HR, Organisational Development and Training, Consulting, Teaching [including adults and children with learning difficulties], property development, Board membership of a community Property Management Association and most recently, stay-at-home parenting - by far the hardest job!! :-). Mark and his wife returned to the UK from Las Vegas in June 2018, along with their daughter Teyah, who is now a student at Swanmead. They live in Ilton, close to other family members in the area. Mark hopes his array of diverse educational, work and life experiences, combined with his varied and adaptable skill set will enable him to contribute positively to the continued success of Swanmead.</p>			
Mr. Davyd Muxworthy	Co-opted	16.01.23	Children attend Swanmead.
<p>Davyd lives in Ilminster with his wife and has two children who currently attend Swanmead School. He works for Certas Energy and has an extensive background in operational management within the fuel industry, managing four locations with the prospect of a fifth. Davyd manages a team of thirty-nine drivers, two depot supervisors and two operations administrators across Devon, Somerset and North Somerset. Davyd has been a committee member at Sunny Ile Pre School and, as a parent of children at Swanmead, feels he has a sound knowledge of the school. He would love to bring some of the experience from his working life to the role of school Governor and help to secure the best future for the school at a time of change.</p>			
Mr. Mark Walker (Headteacher)	Headteacher	-	None
Mrs. Natalie Wainwright	Clerk to Governors	-	None

Composition of the Governing Body and Vacancies

CATEGORY	PERSONNEL
Parent	Jesse Pattison Duncan Perks
Staff	Mark Raven
Headteacher	Mark Walker
Local Authority	VACANCY
Co-opted	Dean Aspinall Marian Gamper Kate Murdoch Kate Priddle Michaela Sharman Mark Cook Davyd Muxworthy
TOTAL	12

Individuals who have served on the Governing Body in the past 12 months

Name	Appointing Body	Date of Resignation/End of Term
Mrs Winifred Nakayama	Co-Opted	31 st December 2018

Governors' Attendance at Meetings – 2018-2019

Name	20th September	18th October	22nd November	17th January	14th February	14th March	9th May	6th June	11th July
Mr. Dean Aspinall	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓		
Mrs. Marian Gamper	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓		
Kate Murdoch	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mrs. Winifred Nakayama	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	<i>Apologies</i>	Term end					
Mr. Jesse Pattisson	✓	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Mr. Duncan Perks	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mrs. Kate Priddle	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>Apologies received after meeting</i>	Absent	✓		
Mr. Mark Raven	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mrs. Michaela Sharman	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>Apologies</i>		
Mr. Mark Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mr. Mark Cook				Co-opted	✓	Absent	✓		
Mr. Davyd Muxworthy (LA Vacancy)				Co-opted	✓	<i>Apologies</i>	✓		
Mrs. Natalie Wainwright Clerk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mrs. Sue Spurway Finance Officer	Not Required	✓	Not Required		Not Required	Not Required	✓		
Helen Ingram and School Council		✓							
Debbie Harvey, The Hub			✓						
Mark Cook, Prospective Governor			✓	Co-opted					

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