

Wateringbury Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

**Chris Clark
(Chair)**



Foundation Governor

Pay and Personnel Committee

I have been a Governor since 2006, originally elected as a Parent Governor and subsequently a Foundation Governor. I am Chair of Governors and sit on the Pay and Personnel Committee and the Foundation Committee.

I have two children, both of whom attended Wateringbury School. One is now working and the other is at university. I have lived in Wateringbury since 1993 and enjoy living and raising a family in such a welcoming community environment. I am also a Trustee and Treasurer of the Friends of Wateringbury Church charity.

By profession I am a Chartered Structural Engineer and am a Partner of a practice based in Sevenoaks. In addition to spending time with my family, I enjoy cycling, DIY and golf.

**Chasey Crawford Usher
(Headteacher)**



I joined Wateringbury CE Primary School in September 2012 as Deputy Headteacher and Year 5/6 Class Teacher. I was appointed Headteacher in January 2014.

Prior to Wateringbury, I taught at Woodlands Junior School in Tonbridge for 8 years. When I'm not burning the midnight oil at school, I can be found running the footpaths along the River Medway or in Knole Park. I am also a violinist and member of the Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra.

I have three daughters who live in Bangkok, Edinburgh and Bristol. It is a joy when we're all able to be together.

**Mark Warren
(Vice-Chair)**



Local Authority Governor

*Finance and Premises Committee (Chair)
Communications Committee*

I was appointed in 2015 and have been elected the Vice-chair of the Governing Body this year. I chair the Finance and Premises Committee and sit on the Communications Committee and am also the Lead Governor for Science.

I live 100 yards from the school and know the school well as my three step-children have all been through the school. I have three children of my own, currently studying for their degree, IBs and GCSEs respectively. My lifelong hobbies include boating and photography, and I have this year taken up running (albeit still rather slowly).

I studied Engineering and Management at university, and from there have had a varied career ranging from working as an engineer, management consultant, Chartered Management Accountant and currently as a Finance Director. I am a passionate believer in the importance of science, technology and engineering and hope to help inspire the next generation here in Wateringbury!

Father Nick Williams



Foundation Governor

I am an ex-officio governor by virtue of being the parish priest for the Benefice of East Malling, Wateringbury and Teston and joined the governing body in 2016.

Aside from being a governor I also lead Collective Worship in school every other week, am involved in school services and provide an additional spiritual presence in the life of the school. I am looking forward to working with children and staff in maintaining and improving the spirituality of the school.

When I'm not involved in my parish duties I'm studying at the University of London for a Master's degree in Medieval History and providing a taxi service for two teenage boys, which doesn't really leave much time for anything else.

Abi Woodhouse (Deputy Headteacher)



Staff Governor

Communications Committee

Monitoring, Learning and Curriculum Committee

I joined Wateringbury C of E Primary School in September 2016 as the Deputy Head and became the Staff Governor. I teach for the majority of the week in Year 3 and have release time to undertake other aspects of my role.

Before joining Wateringbury, my teaching career had been based in London. I am very much enjoying living and working in the same county! I have recently moved to live on board a boat with my two cats. I love to read and, when not at work, will most often be found in an armchair with a good book.

I have a passion for making learning purposeful and meaningful for children. At school, I am responsible for Assessment and run the Junior Governors.

Richard Dunn



Foundation Governor

*Finance and Premises Committee
Pay and Personnel Committee*

I have been a Foundation Governor since September 2013. I am a member of the Pay and Personnel Committee and the Finance and Premises Committee and the Lead Governor for History and Geography. I retired from a career in teaching in 2005, having been Deputy Headteacher at Bennett Memorial Diocesan School in Tunbridge Wells for 16 years, where my responsibilities included Estates Management and Finance, as well as teaching chemistry to A-level. I subsequently worked in the same school as Assistant Bursar for a further 10 years, before finally retiring in 2015.

My wife and I moved to Wateringbury at the end of 2012. I am an active member of St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury, where I am Honorary Treasurer. I am also Treasurer of Kent Schools Athletic Association. I enjoy going for long walks, reading and pottering about in the garden. I have two grown-up sons and one grandson.

Suzanne Rowlinson



Foundation Governor

*Pay and Personnel Committee(Chair)
Finance and Premises Committee*

I am a PCC Foundation Governor, appointed in 2013, sitting on the Finance and Premises Committee and chairing the Pay and Personnel Committee. I am also the school's Lead Governor for RE. I have one child in Key Stage 2 and another in Key Stage 1 so have an interest in the whole spectrum of school life.

I am a qualified Chartered Accountant and am Treasurer of the Benefice of the churches in Wateringbury, East Malling and Teston.

As well as being a Sunday School Leader for Wateringbury Church, what little spare time I have is enjoyed doing Zumba, keep fit and Pilates after the obligatory taxi services for my children.

Steve Wright



Foundation Governor

*Monitoring, Learning and Curriculum Committee
(Chair)
Finance and Premises Committee*

I am one of the Foundation Governors and was appointed in 2013. I Chair the Monitoring, Learning and Curriculum Committee and also sit on the Finance and Premises Committee. I am the Lead Governor for Physical Education.

I have had four children who have benefitted from growing and learning within the school. My youngest is now in Year 5 and the others are all at secondary school. We have lived in Wateringbury since 2000 and play an active part in village community life.

I work in the media industry, principally on magazine publishing and events. At home we have a smallholding where we keep a range of animals, some covered by the magazines! Other 'outside interests' include running and walking and, along with all four of my children, I am a member of the Wateringbury Players.

Gail Isted



Parent Governor

*Communications Committee (Chair)
Monitoring, Learning and Curriculum Committee*

I became a Parent Governor in September 2015 having previously been an Associate Member and the former chairman of the school's PTA - the Friends of Wateringbury Primary School (FOWPS) – between 2010 and 2014. I chair the Communications Committee and also sit on the Monitoring, Learning and Curriculum Committee. I am the Lead Governor for English and Phonics.

My professional background is in newspaper journalism and public relations. Before setting up my own media relations/PR and copywriting business from home, I was the PR Manager for the UK's largest ferry operator, P&O Ferries, and also held similar positions at the Metropolitan Police Service and Sport England.

My eldest daughter left Wateringbury to begin her secondary education in September 2014 and my younger daughter is in Year 6.

Tom Sewell



Parent Governor/EYFS Governor
Finance and Premises Committee
Pay and Personnel Committee

I have been a Parent Governor since September 2015. I am on the Pay and Personnel Committee and Finance and Premises Committee and am the Early Years Governor.

I am married to Sarah and have four children, three of whom are at Wateringbury School. I am an arable farmer looking after about 1,000 acres of land in the Wateringbury/Nettlestead area where we grow wheat, barley, beans and make some hay.

I am also on the leadership team of The Vine Church in Maidstone, a director at Weald Granary (farmers' grain store in Mereworth handling, storing and marketing 90,000 tons of grain) and chair a farmers' discussion group in Sussex. When I find any spare time I enjoy motorcycle trials, eating out and the very occasional game of golf!

Kate Millar



Foundation Governor
Monitoring, Learning & Curriculum Committee

I am a Foundation Governor, having been appointed in March 2016. Our family has lived in Wateringbury since 1985. It is a pleasure to be involved with Wateringbury Primary School again as I was a governor for eight years when my children attended the school back in the 1980s and 1990s.

I retired from teaching in 2012, having been Senior Assistant Headteacher at The Rochester Grammar School with responsibility for Pastoral Care including Child Protection. I continue to do some supply work. As a chemistry teacher I have taught in various schools in Maidstone before moving to Medway. I am also a governor for the Thinking Schools Trust in Medway. I am an active member of St John the Baptist Church, Wateringbury. As well as being a member of the Parochial Church Council, I am also on the team of Sunday School leaders and assist with Family services.

I love travelling and have been lucky enough to visit many parts of the world with family and with school. I love spending time with family and friends and in my spare time I enjoy gardening.

Sarah Cooper



Associate Member

I have joined the Governing Body as an Associate Member. I moved to Wateringbury in 2015 and have three children - one at secondary school, one in Reception at Wateringbury and the youngest will start school in 2018. Previously I was involved with my elder son's PTA and volunteered with Kent constabulary.

I believe that the most important thing we can instil in our children is a lifelong love of learning and in order to do this the children need to be happy and ready to learn.

For the past 10 years I have worked in the housing sector and I place a huge emphasis on education and community involvement in that it can transform the lives of young people.

Sara Wallis



Clerk to the Governors

I have been Clerk to the Governors since 2008. You will also find me at Teston and Wateringbury pre-school.

I have lived in the village since 2004 with my husband and three daughters.

When I am not being 'Mum's taxi' I play percussion in a local wind band and enjoy running.