

### STEPHEN SMITH – Parent Governor

I have been a Parent Governor since March 2014, where since then have had two children work their way through the school and onto grammar school. For my sins, I have always worked within Finance, working my way up the chain, where I am currently the Finance Director of an MGA selling Motor Insurance. I am also the Finance Director of a Broking firm based out of Manchester and heavily involved in efficiency exercises and mergers and acquisitions. I also used to be a bit of a sport billy, but with age came injuries, so now all I do is the really “aggressive” game of table tennis.

With my skill set I have been able to assist the Governing Body in a number of areas, where I plan to continue to do so, adding challenge and support, being the “critical friend” to the Head Teacher and the Management team. I find it very rewarding being part of this Governing team and especially working with the forward thinking Head and Deputy Head.

### DEAN BAILEY – Parent Governor

It is a privilege to be part of Hawkinge Primary school governing body since I was elected as parent governor by fellow parents in July 2019. I have 3 children, my eldest left HPS in July 2019 and my youngest started in September of the same year. Apart from a busy family life, I play 6-a-side football in a local league, enjoy cycling and try and get out on the golf course when I can.

I have worked in management in the retail sector for over 20 years with the last 6 years as a store manager. This background which includes budgeting, monitoring performance and analysing data and health, safety and wellbeing of colleagues and customers assists me in my role of a parent governor.

### KIRSTY SMITH – Parent Governor

In July 2019 I put myself forward to become a parent governor as I am in awe of what Hawkinge Primary School are capable of and achieve, which is down to every hard-working member of the school. I am very happy that I now have 2 children at HPS and a third who will follow in a few years.

I have had a career in education for over 15 years which started with teacher training as a secondary school PE teacher. This led to taking on roles such as Deputy Manager of Creative Arts and more recently a role as Head of Dance. After this time, I had my third daughter (in lockdown!), and my career took a new path.

I now run my own dance company for all children with the aim of having fun and learning new skills. I have a passion for teaching dance and seeing children’s development and growing confidence when new skills are achieved and the sense of pride this brings them.

Hawkinge Primary School is a caring school with a creative curriculum which gives all children many opportunities to feel pride in their work and I know that my children have grown in confidence and independence because they feel safe and happy.

### JANET FEATHERSTONE – Co-opted Governor

In the past, I have worked as a Dental Nurse, Customs Officer, Home Economist and Receptionist, to name but a few! After I had my children, I was employed by the NHS and helped initiate the first Young Person’s Clinic in the area. This established a safe place for teenagers to access confidential advice, regarding their sexual and mental health. I then trained to become a primary school teacher, qualifying in 1999. I have taught in many local primary schools but for the last twelve years of my teaching career, I worked at Hawkinge Primary School. I became a Staff Governor in 2019 and subsequently, after my retirement, I become a co-opted Governor. I am committed to improving young children’s welfare and development, so I also volunteer for the charity Home-Start, working with young children and their families, trying to making their lives easier. I have four grandchildren, two of which I am very proud to say attend Hawkinge Primary School.

### CLAIRE UNSWORTH – Co-opted Governor

I became a Co-opted Governor for Hawkinge Primary School in 2006 and have undertaken a range of roles. Currently I am Vice Chair and acting Chair whilst this position has been vacant during 2020/21. I am also part of the finance committee and one of our nominated safe guarding governors.

I started my career in teaching working as a class teacher mainly within Key Stage 2, but more recently moved on to become a Senior Lecturer in Primary Education at Canterbury Christ Church University. During my time here, I have taken on a range of different roles working with Initial Teacher Trainees and alongside other educational settings such as Multi Academy Trusts, Teaching School Alliances and other networks. I have a particular interest in the importance of the Arts within education and society as a whole and this is my particular academic research focus. I also enjoy down time with my family cooking, making and exploring.

### BECKY DAWE – Staff Governor

I am a Year 5 and 6 teacher and have worked at Hawkinge Primary School since 2003. I have been staff governor since September 2020.

Prior to completing my teacher training I did a degree in International Business Studies and French and was lucky enough to spend some of that time studying and working in France (living in Bordeaux and Lille respectively.) I continue to enjoy languages and love teaching French to my class.