

'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'

Tonwell St Mary's CE Primary School

Governor Profiles



Chair of Governors: Diana Howarth

Joining the board as a Foundation Governor and Chair in 2009 I have seen many children grow and flourish at Tonwell School over the years.

My background is in publishing then in education as a teacher and latterly Director of an educational software and consultancy company. I was awarded an MBE for services to education in 2010.

Since I have retired I have taken on more roles in the parish as churchwarden and assistant treasurer and can spend more time visiting the school to get to know the staff and children better.

I am passionate about giving the children at Tonwell every opportunity to develop their learning and interests in such a loving, caring atmosphere.



Headteacher: Sarah Bridgman

I have been on the Tonwell governing body since joining the school as Headteacher in September 2016.

Throughout my career, I have always taken an active role in governance, having been staff governor in my previous three schools over the past 17 years. I also volunteered as a co-opted governor at my local primary for two years.

When not in school, I love spending time with my young family, reading and sports.

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Co-opted Governor: Kathy Dunnett

I work for Herts for Learning as a Governance Adviser and I am also a governor on 5 other boards.

I am really interested in Governance and I wholeheartedly believe that education can make a real difference in young people's lives.

Prior to my role in Herts for Learning, my background was in health. I have worked in hospitals and in the community as a school nurse.

I have 3 grandchildren now, so still have a personal vested interest to support schools to be the best they can.



Co-opted Governor: Debbie Cole

I have been on the Tonwell governing body since September 2019. I am a curriculum link governor and a member of the Finance, Staffing and Resources committee, where my background in HR comes in useful.

I have been a governor and Chair of Governors since 2014 in another school and in 2018 won Outstanding Governor of the year award from Hertfordshire Association of School Governors.

In day to day life I'm a mum of 2 young children (and new mum to a Romanian rescue dog!) and at work I am the Head of Resourcing for a large defence organization.

I am also passionate about STEM and as well as being a STEM ambassador, I am on the Board of Trustees for a local STEM charity, so I keep myself pretty busy!

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Staff Governor: Julie Moorehead

I have been working in the school office at Tonwell School since 2011 and joined the governing body in September 2019. I am the website link governor where my background in working in school is useful.

I have two children, both of who attended Tonwell School, so I have been involved in the school community here for 16 years. I have been involved in the fundraising group here, Friends of Tonwell, and helped to organize many Christmas Bazaars, Summer fetes and quizzes over the years.

I am passionate about Girlguiding, and I am one of two District Commissioners in Ware as well as running a Brownie unit.

Being a Governor here is an interesting and rewarding role, and gives me an insight into the school community that I never saw as a parent or an employee.

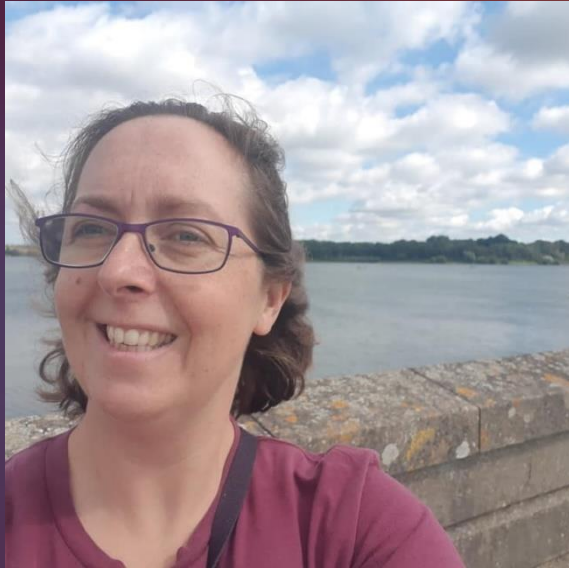


Governor: Matthew Clutterbuck

I have been on the Tonwell governing body since May 2019. I am a PPG, maths and music link governor and a member of the Finance and Staffing committee.

In day to day life I'm a father of 2 daughters who both attend the school and I live in village of Tonwell, where I am also a local district councillor.

I am passionate about STEM where my role as an airline pilot for a major airline comes in useful.



Governor: Gill Pick

I have been a Governor at Tonwell St Mary's since September 2019. I am the safeguarding and Early Years Governor.

I have been in governance since 2010, where I started as a parent governor at my children's school and then onto another primary school within Hertfordshire. I have undertaken various roles, including Chair and Deputy Chair of Governors.

I have 3 children, 2 in secondary school and 1 in primary school. I am a local swimming teacher, but also a swim club coach, open water coach and pilates instructor.

I am passionate about children achieving their full potential both in and out of school life.



Clerk of Governors: Lisa Chambers

I joined the Tonwell governing body in September 2019 as clerk to the governors. My role as clerk is to ensure meetings meet legal requirements.

I help the Chair to run effective meetings which assist the governing body in offering support and challenge to the Headteacher and the school staff. I convene meetings, prepare agendas and draft minutes for the governing body meetings.

I have a background of working within the Education sector and am passionate about exploring opportunities for all children to succeed, something which the Tonwell community is committed to doing.

Outside of Tonwell I have other work commitments within my family's branding and design agency, for my local church and for a charity which supports adults with learning disabilities.

If all that doesn't keep me busy, you'll find me practicing my Spanish wherever possible, walking my dog and having fun with my young family.