

Meet our Governors

Robin Oulton – Chair of Governors

I was first appointed as a Governor of Arreton and Oakfield Federation in 2011 and am currently Chair of Governors.

My career started with learning Arabic and working for Shell in the Middle East. Since then I have been an entrepreneur and Consultant to the European Commission and several Governments in the Far East. Amongst other things I built an international interior contracting business and run a Food Technology company in Canada.

As a Governor I have worked with other Governors, the Federation senior leadership and other schools to create a strong Federation focused on giving our children the best possible start in life in these difficult times. My great ambition is to see both our schools achieve the Outstanding rating with Ofsted that we presently have with SIAMS.

Catherine O'Callaghan

My name is Catherine O'Callaghan and I have recently been appointed as a Foundation Governor. My background is in healthcare. I was a GP in Ryde for a number of years and am now retired. The world of education is completely new to me and the job of managing and governing schools today is challenging for everyone.

I am on a learning curve, but I can see that the children are central to every decision made by the staff and Governing Body. I am amazed by the amount of planning done daily to ensure each child can learn to the best of his or her ability.

I have a safeguarding role on the Governing Body and will carry out that role to the best of my ability.

Reverend Janice O'Shaughnessey

Rhian Fairweather

My name is Rhian Fairweather and I was appointed Parent Governor during the last term of school.

I am a full time Police Officer and becoming a Governor is a new challenge which I will strive to complete to the best of my ability.

Education is key to the children's development and therefore whilst taking on this role I will make sure that I will work alongside the other Governors and teachers to ensure the smooth successful running of the Federation.

Obviously, it is important that you contact the school directly if you have any concerns or questions about your child and their education and the class teachers, heads of school and

executive head will always be happy to meet with you. However, if you have more general questions or queries about the Federation, please feel free to approach me.

Melanie Partington

I have been parent governor for the Federation since 2015. I am the LAC and Pupil Premium Governor and a member of various committees and sub-committees. It has proved to be both challenging and rewarding working with the governing body, responding to the ever changing educational landscape. Being a governor has afforded me a unique insight into the way the school is managed and enabled me to contribute towards our strategic direction. The best possible outcomes for our children are always the heart of the work we do as a governing body. We are firmly committed to celebrating every child and furnishing them with the skills and values they need to succeed and be happy.

My background is in International Trade Development, co-ordinating projects for The Commonwealth Secretariat, European Commission, World Bank and private clients. I currently run an online business. I have lived and worked abroad for many years and my family have now settled on this beautiful Island. My daughter attended Oakfield and has since moved on to an Island senior school, I was delighted to continue my term as governor within the Federation. In my spare time we love to get out and about and enjoy all the Island has to offer. As a family we are involved in many community initiatives and charity fundraising endeavours to support the island.

Helene Allen – Chair of the Community, Care and Partnerships Committee

My name is Helene Allen. I am a Foundation Governor with responsibility for Health and Safety.

I am Church member of St John's Parochial Church Council and organise Messy Church and help with Junior Church on a Sunday. I enjoy being involved in community projects, e.g Mardi Gras and Lantern making.

I was born and bred in Ryde. Oakfield school is special to me. I have had close links with Oakfield since 1994, first as a parent, then as an LSA and Family Learning Tutor. I now have Grandchildren at Oakfield.

I have visited Arreton on many occasions and although the two schools are different in some ways, the importance of school values forms a common bond.

Jane Page

I have been a Foundation Governor for the Oakfield and Arreton Federation since June 2015. Appointed by the Diocese of Portsmouth, I see my role as a link between the Church and the Community, to ensure that all the children in our care have the best possible start in life, educationally and emotionally in a safe environment. The Community, Care and Partnership Committee of which I am a member reviews and implements these matters constantly.

Having worked in the Further Education sector I am fully aware of the need for children to have a good start in their learning which will underpin the rest of their lives. I was a children's and youth worker in my previous parish and encouraged full involvement in the community.

Since I have been a governor I have assisted at Arreton, with the Community Kids Club which invited the elderly into the school for tea parties. I am involved with Reverend Janice in preparing the children for their collective worship. I am hoping to become more involved with RE in the future as I consider that it underpins all the values in a Church of England School and informs the children of other aspects in our fast changing society.

Christine Westmore

I am the member of the governing body with a special interest in foundation stage children. I love coming into Miss Howlett's class and hope to come in more often after Easter when I will be a "new" grandparent! I have been into Arreton as well and really enjoyed joining in their PE session. As an ex-foundation stage teacher myself, it has been wonderful to watch the children's progress as their confidence has developed and to get to know them!

Erica Oulton – Chair of the Leadership, Management and Organisation Committee

Reverend Susan Theobald

One of the joys of being the Priest in Charge at St John's Church in Ryde is that part of my role is as a Foundation Governor of Oakfield Primary school and therefore of the Arreton and Oakfield Federation. I have been a Governor since 2014

I sit on the Community Care Partnership Committee and the SIAMS committee. I work closely with Mrs Rowe to build the links between St John's and Oakfield School. I lead whole school Collective Worship every other week and am always available as a resource for teachers. I have a background in Admin, retail, the care industry and as a KS1 teacher.

Matthew Bell

I have been at Governor at Arreton and across the federation of schools for nearly ten years. I have two children currently at Arreton and one who left some years ago. Our role as governors is to ensure we positively assist and challenge how the schools are run and developed. Both Oakfield and Arreton offer a unique approach to teaching and learning to ensure all children develop and flourish. Continuous improvements are looked at by all staff, heads of school and executive head. As governors we review and scrutinise processes and practice across the whole school operation; from what we are spending money on to what improvements will benefit pupils. Governors volunteer their time in a wide range of ways, but quite a lot is spent in meetings!

Glenna Realey

My name is Glenna Realey and I am the Local Authority Governor for The Oakfield and Arreton Federation also with a special interest in S E N. I have a family and grandchildren

and am very aware we must endeavour to give ALL children the best start available. I am often seen around the school and this year spending time with year 4 pupils listening to their reading. I am sure you will all realise the economic situation is such that we must be eternally grateful for our very efficient school managers who get the best possible value in all areas for our children. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any concerns.

Alison Child

Associate Members

Diane Barker

Marilyn Larkin

Ian Thompson