

### Governor Responsibilities

Governors are for the most part people with jobs of their own who are not expected to run the school on a day-to-day basis. The governors' role is largely a strategic one.

Governors are supporters of the school and often described as "critical friends". When a governor comes into school, it is to learn and not to judge.

The history of the school governor is rooted in the belief that good education is not just a matter for educationalists and that it must be balanced with the views, opinions and experiences of people who exist outside of the classroom.

Everyone on the governing body will have a mixture of skills, and a good governing body will have a broad mixture of different skills and qualities.

The Governing Body is responsible for:

**Strategic View** – Values, Mission, Vision

**Critical Friend** - Monitoring and evaluating school improvement

**Ensure Accountability** – High Standards, value for money, agreed aims and objectives

### Key Tasks

- To know and contribute to the school's vision, its current goals and its development priorities.
- To attend Full Governors meetings at least once in each term.
- To be part of at least one Governor committee and to attend meetings and contribute to the decision making of that committee as appropriate.
- To undertake the responsibilities of monitoring visits, usually focusing on a "key question" linked to the School Development Plan.
- To hold a specific role or responsibility as required.



# Alverton Primary School



## Governors and Governance

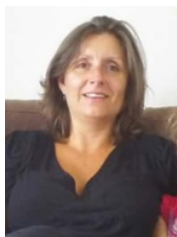
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## Nanette Newton-Hinge

### Joint Chair of Governors

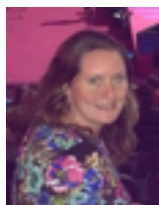
In 2004 my eldest daughter started at Alverton's nursery and since then I have been part of the school community. I became a governor in 2011 and enjoy supporting and helping the school and I endeavour to use my skills as an Interior architect and project manager to assist the leadership team. I have lived all over the world but chose to return to Cornwall to raise my children.



## Anna George

### Joint Chair of Governors

I am a solicitor and mother of four who has been part of the Alverton School community for nearly four years. Having moved from London, I have enjoyed being part of the Alverton School team and hope to continue to help the school go from strength to strength.



## Martin Higgs

### Headteacher

I have been a teacher since 1989 and have been a headteacher since January 2000. Alverton is my third headship having previously been head of Paulton Juniors in Bath and Pensans Primary School. I am married with three daughters and am a long suffering Aston Villa supporter.



## Mike Baker

I restore listed buildings and am a legal consultant. I am the governor with responsibility for pupil motivation and engagement with particular interest in immersive learning. My two children have left Alverton now and I am very happy that I can continue to be involved in developments and challenges in the future.



## Terry Binns

I am a local authority governor at Alverton Primary School and sit on the Resources & Premises Committee. Both my children attended Alverton and I have always felt very supportive of the school. I think the children have a wonderful opportunity to meet and become a part of a larger community. I believe they should be nurtured at school and their experiences should be fun and encourage enquiry. My work has been predominantly within the Creative Arts sector, particularly photography, film and music. I enjoy learning about different cultures and languages; and I love being in the 'great outdoors'.



# Alverton Governors

## 2016 - 2017

## David Cooke

I am a physiotherapist at West Cornwall Hospital and when not at work can usually be found swimming. I've got one son at Alverton School, and another just starting at the school. I have been a governor for the last four years, a role I took on because I wanted to do something useful for the school, and because I thought it would be interesting. It's extremely satisfying to see all the recent positive changes there have been.



## Kate Hall

I am the Early Years Leader at Alverton School. I passionately believe in learning through play and that children should be children for as long as they possibly can. I particularly enjoy taking full advantage of the outdoor opportunities at our lovely school.



## Emily Jane

### Chair of Standards and Staffing Committee

As a governor, I have responsibility for looking at issues to do with special educational needs and safeguarding. I work as an educational psychologist and for giggles I like to hang out with my two children and husband in Mousehole, where we live. I think this school is really, really great. Sometimes my job as a governor is to ask questions to help make it even better!



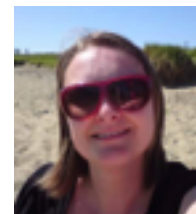
## Helen Knowles

I am a Year 4 teacher at Alverton School and a Specialist Leader in Education for REAL Projects. I am particularly interested in the use of technology to help create 21st Century learners. I love all things creative and am a dab hand with a paint brush!



## Pheona Lowell

I became a governor because I wanted to make a positive difference to the education and childhood experience of both my children and the wider community. As well as being a mum of two, I work with vulnerable young people across Cornwall who are faced with homelessness and in my spare time you'll see me strapping on my roller skates at the skate park or playing roller derby!



## Mandy O'Neill

I am a HLTA at Alverton School and have been part of the team for the last eighteen years! I work all over the school and so I know all the children. I am particularly interested in being creative and run my own Jewellery Club for Years 5 and 6 as well as finding time to make cakes for governor meetings.



## Simeon Royle

Married to Rachael, we have had three children who are or have been students at Alverton School. I have found Alverton to provide high quality teaching in a top class learning environment, resulting in excellent progress and a superb preparation for life beyond Key Stage Two. As Deputy Headteacher of Humphry Davy School, I am delighted to offer support and expertise wherever possible to the positive and exciting developments concerning teaching and learning at the school.



## Heather Weeks

### Chair of Resources and Premises Committee

Both my husband and I attended Alverton so we chose Alverton for our boys (now aged 16 and 13) because of our fond memories of the school, the lovely 'family feel' and fabulous teachers. I work part time for a bank where I have been for 29 years and am a self-employed bookkeeper. I am also the treasurer for FOAS and help organise the fund raising in the school.

