



Middleton Primary
School

Governing Body
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The Role of the School's Governing Body

School governors are individuals who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. They are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing.

They enable their school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children.

Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing body meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. They are also involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to the headteacher and senior leaders.

Governors bring a wide range of skills and expertise from their professional lives to the governing board and schools benefit greatly from working with skilled volunteers, for example individuals with experience of finance, law, premises management or human resources. A governor with business know-how can transform the running of a school.



What Does the Governing Body do?

The Local Governing Body works very closely with the Headteacher and School's Senior Leadership Team to ensure the very highest quality of teaching and learning throughout the school.

They have strategic oversight of the school's development and act as a critical friend to the school's work.

The core duties of the Local Governing Body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school its students.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
- Ensuring the highest standards of teaching and learning.
- Ensuring the highest standards of safeguarding and welfare.

Who are the School's Governor's?

The School's Governor's currently consist of the following individuals;

- Sam Summers – Chair of Governors
- Tony Holland - Vice Chair Governors

- Peter Neale – Governor
- Barbara Bushell - Governor
- Tania Foreman - Governor

- Rachel Roberts – Headteacher Governor
- Cameron Restall – Staff Governor
- Emily Brown – Staff Governor

- Tina Gray-Rampello – Parent Governor
- Gary Brighton – Parent Governor

- Julie Mason - Clerk to the Local Governing Body
- Peter Barnes - CEO of the Kingsbridge Educational Trust (KET) and Accounting Officer



Governor roles

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Governor - Sam Summers
- Mental Health & Well-being Governor Sam Summers
- SEND Governor - Sam Summers
- Looked After and Inclusion Governor - Sam Summers
- Pupil Premium - Tina Gray-Rampello
- Outcomes - Tina Gray-Rampello
- Health & Safety - Peter Neale
- Governor Development - Tony Holland



The Governing Body devolves some of its work to two committees; Finance & Personnel Committee and Pupil, Pastoral & Curriculum Committee. All key decisions are still ratified by the full Governing Body.

The members of each committee are as follows;

Finance & Personnel Committee:

(Clerk: Julie Mason)

Peter Neale (Chair)

Sam Summers

Tania Foreman

Rachel Roberts

Also in attendance: Monica Elliott-Cirigottis

Pupil, Pastoral & Curriculum Committee:

(Clerk: Vicky Reeves)

Tony Holland (Chair)

Barbara Bushell

Tina Gray-Rampello

Rachel Roberts

Also in attendance: Ellis Higgs





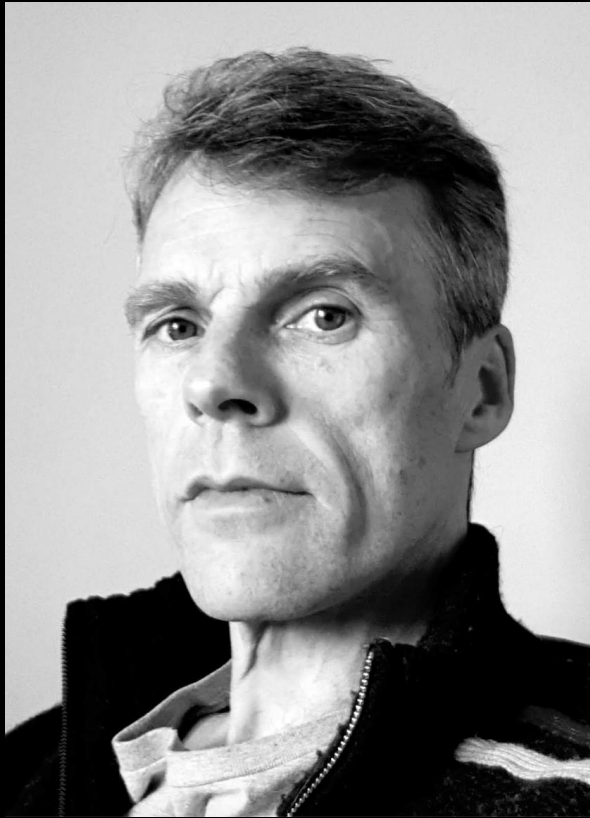
Sam Summers
Chair of Governors

"I have been a Governor at Middleton Primary School since before it opened in 2003 and have been chair for the majority of that time. More recently my involvement has extended to becoming a Director of the Kingsbridge Educational Trust.

I have worked as part of the Senior Leadership in a School for a number of years so have an excellent insight into the operational elements as well as experience in the strategic management of schools.

Both my boys were educated at Middleton and more recently at Oakgrove School and I am passionate about educational excellence, inclusion and in particular all children being offered the opportunity to achieve their full potential."





Tony Holland
Vice Chair of
Governors

Tony Holland has spent the last 20+ years as a consultant for a large international technology company, where he currently works to achieve harmonisation between standards, both national and international, industry and with UK governmental policy and regulation. For a number of years Tony has also been the director of a Management Company operating in the property sector.

Tony has been a governor at Middleton since 2013 and has previously been subject link governor for curriculum subjects including Science, Art and Music, regularly reviewing these subjects with the subject leader from the school to monitor the quality and effectiveness of the subjects being taught. He is also the chairperson for the PPC committee and the vice-chair to the local governing body. Tony is a member of the Kingsbridge Educational Trust (KET) and was a participant in the initial establishment during the process when Middleton converted to an academy.

In July 2018 Tony's son saw the end of his 7-year journey through Middleton and left to move on to Oakgrove to start his next educational chapter with strong SATs to support him, thanks to the commitment of the teaching staff at Middleton.





Peter Neale
Governor

Educated as an Engineer, Peter served in the Army for 29 years and was a Civil Servant for 10 years. In both careers, he specialised in Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Project Management and leadership.

Peter and his wife, Liz, have lived in Middleton since 2000. After retiring in late 2011, Peter was recruited as a Governor for Middleton Primary School. He joined the Finance and Personnel Committee and became its Chair in March 2014.

Peter is the link Governor for Maths, Science and Year 2 and has a special interest in Health and Safety . Peter has no family connection to Middleton Primary School, but has 1 grandchild of primary school age, currently in Year 1, His sister is currently in Nursery and is about to move to "Pre-School" in January 2022. They both live in Salford Priors in the Vale of Evesham.

His 2 daughters are both teachers, one at an all-through Special School in Torquay and the other at a primary school in Worcester





Barbara Bushell
Governor

“After a short career in education, I joined the Civil Service where I spent 40 years before my retirement in 2017. During this time I worked in a number of government departments covering a variety of roles and held management positions in HR, National Insurance Inspectorate and Fraud. With lead responsibility for the introduction and implementation of government policies, I also oversaw the recruitment and training programmes required to deliver these new initiatives.

My latter years were spent supporting some of our most vulnerable members of society gain sustainable employment. I am passionate about education and the life chances that it brings so the opportunity to lead the Apprenticeship Programme was perhaps the most rewarding role of all. I worked in conjunction with local colleges and businesses mentoring youngsters in their journey to gain the qualifications that had eluded them during their earlier years of education.

I live in South Northamptonshire and have seen Milton Keynes develop from the initial concept to the outstanding city it has now become. My daughter is a teacher at Middleton and I have been a regular visitor to the school for the past 3 years hearing children read, participating in themed events and accompanying classes on external visits. I became a governor in 2019 and joined the Pupil, Pastoral and Curriculum Committee in 2020.”





Tania Foreman
Governor

“I have lived in Milton Keynes since 1997 and currently work at the Open University supporting the Executive Dean in the Faculty of Business and Law. Prior to this, I have held non-teaching pastoral roles at Schools in the Milton Keynes and surrounding area. In these roles I have gained considerable experience in behaviour management, academic mentoring and safeguarding. I understand the challenges that students, parents and schools face and the importance of the home and school partnership.

On a personal note, I am married to Chris who I met more than 25 years ago whilst working in a HR role at Vauxhall Motors and studying for my CIPD qualification. My HR expertise covers all areas of HR including recruitment, monitoring sickness absence, providing support and guidance for disciplinary cases and training. We have a 21 year old son who has attended primary and secondary schools in Milton Keynes and is now at Loughborough University studying Economics.

I enjoy sport and have played hockey at an international level. I believe it is important for children to have the opportunity to not only fulfil their potential academically but in all other aspects of their lives. I also recognise the need for a balanced education which is engaging and fun for all students.”





Rachel Roberts
Headteacher Governor

I am proud to be the Headteacher of Middleton Primary School, having previously been a teacher, Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher here.

Middleton has recently been recognised as an 'outstanding' school by OFSTED, a recognition we are thrilled with because it reflects the consistent hard work of all the children, staff, parents and governors.

I am very passionate about primary education being the foundations of success for our children. I am very ambitious for the future of Middleton and believe every child that comes to our school has the right to leave us completely equipped to enjoy the challenges of secondary education.





Cameron Restall
Staff Governor

'I feel privileged to have been a part of Middleton Primary School for the past 3 years. With over 7 years of teaching experience, I have developed a deep passion for education and the positive impact it can have on our future generation and community.

I firmly believe in the power of education to transform lives and nurture well-rounded individuals. My approach to teaching is rooted in creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment that encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and a love for learning in my students. Beyond the classroom, I am actively involved in serving my local community. I have proudly served as a town councillor for Dunstable Town Council for the past 4 years. This experience has provided me with valuable insights into the broader issues that affect our community and has further fuelled my dedication to making a positive difference'.





Emily Brown
Staff Governor

After joining Middleton as a newly qualified teacher in 2018, I have fostered meaningful and lasting relationships with children and the families they are part of and value the strong relationships I have made with staff, teachers and senior leaders. I firmly believe these relationships are key to ensure that families and staff are giving our children the best opportunities, within their education, to help them succeed with all future endeavours.

During my time at Middleton, I have worked across all key stages which has given me a unique perspective of being part of our children's journey. I have gained invaluable experience, from visiting them and their families in their home, to their first day at Middleton all the way through to their venture into KS2.

I have also lived in the local area for the last 25 years and have attended a local secondary school within our KET. This has provided me with a good understanding of the relationship between the journey our children embark upon and the impact the school has on our local community.





Tina Gray-Rampello
Parent Governor

‘My name is Tina Gray-Rampello and I am Director Appointed Governor. I have been a member of the Middleton School Community for many years due to my children attending the school in the past. I have a thorough understanding of the education sector due to my career and have had experience of teaching and consulting in primary schools in various regions across my career.

I currently work as Teacher Development Manager for Royal Ballet and Opera, designing and overseeing the teacher leadership programmes for that run nationally and also run annual national symposiums for middle and senior leaders. I am very passionate about children and young people having access to high quality arts and cultural provision as an entitlement for all, knowing the impact this can have on a child’s development and lifelong learning. I am a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and I have an interest in educational research and work closely with a range of stakeholders to help shape and influence meaningful educational change at both local and national levels.

I am passionate about Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and believe this is core element of every conversation within my work as a governor. Through my work at RBO, I developed the ‘Out of the Box’ virtual seminars for educators focusing on EDI themes in education through the arts and I am a proud member of The Global Equality (GEC) Circle, which is a collective of experts across education for inclusion and wellbeing.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading, studying, singing and playing music.”





Gary Brighton
Parent Governor



As the father of a daughter who was just starting her journey through Middleton Primary, I was highly motivated to support the school to continue its successful track record as one of the preeminent schools in Milton Keynes and welcomed the opportunity to join the Local Governing Body as a Parent Governor. As a Plc Director for almost two decades prior to that, in a business primarily involved in the education technology sector, I hoped my experience would allow me to support and advise the Board of Governors in areas of financial, risk, operational and people management. Having spent most of my career involved in modernising educational assessment in both the UK but also across much of sub-Saharan Africa I have found it hugely rewarding to spend a professional career supporting and improving children's education and have been delighted to have the opportunity to extend this through voluntary work as a Parent Governor for Middleton.

In addition to being a School Governor I have also been proud to serve as a Councillor for the Broughton & Milton Keynes Village Parish Council for some years where I currently hold the position of Chairman.

Further Information

To view a copy of the Register of Pecuniary and Business Interests please see below;

[Register of Pecuniary and Business Interests](#)

To view a copy of Middleton Primary School's Local Governing Body Attendance for 2024-2025, please see below;

<https://www.middletonschool.org/our-school/governing-body/>