

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS



[Hugh Steed - Chair of Governors](#)

I have a daughter at Furze Platt, and live close by so have a strong parental and community interest in the school. I joined as a Governor in September 2018 and took on the role of Chair of Governors at the beginning of 2022.

I work in technology so wanted to bring that business expertise to the Governing Board and help grow the School's already strong focus on STEM.

I'm an enthusiastic quizzer and help run the twice yearly PTFA quiz night to raise much needed funds.



[Katie Donnison - Vice Chair of Governors](#)

I was first appointed as a Parent Governor in 2008, when my son was in Year 9. I have worked in school publishing and education technology for over 15 years. After my son left FPSS Sixth Form, I remained on the Governing Body and have held a variety of roles including Chair of the Pupils & Parents Committee, member of the Resources Committee, Primary Transition Link, Pupil Premium Link and Sixth Form Link. I led the recruitment for our new Head in 2018 and have led internal and external Governance reviews.

I am currently Vice Chair of Governors, Link Governor for Careers and Pupil Premium and sit on all committees.



[Nabeela Akhtar - Governor](#)

I am honoured to serve as a school governor. As a seasoned Human Resources professional, I bring a wealth of experience in organisational management and people development to the governance team.

My passion for learning, development and community involvement has driven me to contribute to the success of the school.

I firmly believe in the power of education to transform lives, and I am dedicated to supporting the school in its mission to provide an exceptional learning environment for all students.

In my role as a school governor, I am involved in various areas of governance, including safeguarding, pupil & parents and staffing. I am committed to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment that promotes the growth and development of every child at Furze Platt Senior School.



[Diane Flood - Governor](#)

I am a Chartered Librarian with many years' experience of working with young people in school, public and university libraries. I was originally appointed as a staff governor when I worked in the school library at Furze Platt and am now an appointed governor. I am currently working as a librarian at Newlands School.

My son and daughter both attended Furze Platt. My son was Head Boy in his final year.



[Rob Olliff - Governor](#)

I was honoured to be appointed a Governor at Furze Platt Senior School in 2024. My wife is a teacher and my son attends primary school in Windsor where we live. I am passionate about the difference a good education can make to people's lives and proud that I can contribute to the school and local community.

I am a chartered accountant and have worked in the banking sector for more than 20 years both in the UK and overseas. I hope my skills and experience will be of benefit to Furze Platt. In my spare time we like to travel as a family and spend as much time as possible in the great outdoors. When I get time to myself I am a keen runner and golfer.



[Joshua Reynolds – Governor](#)

I joined the Furze Platt Governing body in the Summer of 2024. Having been a student at Furze Platt from 2010-2017, I have seen the school from the 'other side' and it is an enormous privilege to give something back to the school that taught me so much.

I am currently the Member of Parliament for Maidenhead, a role I've held since July 2024. A Councillor for Furze Platt Ward since 2019, I was recently the Cabinet Member for Communities and Leisure at RBWM. My professional background was in retail, managing a chain of supermarket stores in the South of England.

In my spare time I enjoy baking and trying our new recipes with my family.



[Chris Rodgers - Governor](#)

I've recently moved to the Maidenhead area from Brighton, where I was a Governor of a secondary school. During my time there my responsibilities included chairing the Curriculum & Standards committee. I'm very pleased to have joined the Furze Platt Senior School Governing Board from July 2024 onwards.

My professional background is in Banking & Finance, and I've held a number of varied roles and responsibilities in my career thus far. In particular I have experience of working with a variety of education providers with various financing needs. My professional background, combined with my proactive and enthusiastic attitude, means I believe I am well-placed to add value to the Board of Governors and help the school succeed. I am passionate about education, its ability to increase social mobility and its importance as a cornerstone of community. I endeavour to try my upmost to make a difference for all the young people and stakeholders of our school.



[Jo Smith – Parent Governor](#)

I have two children at FPSS, both of whom have received exceptional teaching, learning and pastoral support. It would be an enormous privilege to be able to give something back to the school.

I am an experienced HR professional and a trade union official. I have previously worked as an HR Business Partner, providing a 'critical friend' perspective to managers and so am used to questioning and challenging the status quo in an open and constructive way. I have worked as part of various leadership teams and understand the need to accept collective responsibility for decisions/actions. I recognise the need to have different perspectives within teams, to avoid the 'group think' that can often lead organisations to

	<p>become embedded in patterns of work/process without questioning their purpose and value.</p> <p>I am a passionate advocate of comprehensive education, and my priority will be to ensure that all children are able to meet their full potential, and to build a love of learning so that school is a positive place for them all.</p>
	<p>Kate Winrow-Davies – Parent Governor</p> <p>I have two children, my son is still in Primary and my daughter is at FPSS.</p> <p>I'm passionate about education and have worked in schools across Berkshire and Surrey for 20 years, specialising in vocational education and pastoral care.</p> <p>I currently work as a L6 careers advisor delivering impartial information, advice and guidance for KS3, 4 and 5 students.</p> <p>In my spare time, I'm involved with various activities in our local community and am proactive in encouraging others to work together for a common goal.</p>
	<p>Shane Woodhatch – Governor</p> <p>I joined the Furze Platt Senior School Governing Body in 2019. As a parent with children at FPSS, I have been impressed with both Furze Platt Senior and Junior School and with my financial background would like to bring my expertise to the table, ensuring that FPSS remains financially stable in what can be considered interesting times. I currently work at HCUC as Group Finance Director and I have been involved in the education sector for 20 years.</p> <p>My hobbies/sports are primarily golf and cycling. I do enjoy following rugby including the occasional banter between the two hemispheres, since I grew up in South Africa.</p>
	<p>Jenny Knight – Governance Manager</p> <p>I joined FPSS in January 2019 and have very much enjoyed the experience of getting to know the School and its Governing Body. My role is to manage all the paperwork for Governors' meetings, including committees and the Full Governing Body as well as additional panels and working groups. In addition, I organise governor training and school visits, policy approvals, strategy sessions and inductions for new governors.</p> <p>I have two children and spend some of my spare time singing with Cantorum Choir in Cookham. I love classical music, walking, swimming and baking – as well as escaping to Cornwall or Scotland whenever I can.</p>