

## **Governing Body**

Welcome to our Governing Body, please find below a pen portrait of our existing governors.

### **Rebecca Fitzpatrick**

#### **Chair of Governors** (2 Year term of Office)

*Co-Opted governor chairing the Curriculum and Finance committees.*

*I have lived in Cavendish since April 2013 and became a governor in March 2018, then Chair of Governors in November 2019.*

*I have strong ties with the school as I joined the PTFA when my eldest child was in Year 1 (she is now at Secondary school). I have links to education as I was previously a teacher and a headteacher. I now manage and sit on the committee of a local feeder preschool and therefore have a vested interest in the school on a personal and professional level.*

### **Sarah Bowles**

#### **Parent Governor** (Term of office 4 years)

*Appointed 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

*Sitting on Premises and Curriculum committees*

*I volunteered as a parent Governor in September 2019. My son is currently in Saturn Class, and my daughter is currently at Cavendish Pre-school, hoping to attend the school in September 2020. We moved to the village in 2015, having returned from a couple of years working in Sydney, Australia. Prior to that we were in Chelmsford, Essex. We adore the village and feel very privileged to have found our forever home here. I work as a Quality Specialist for a pharmaceutical firm, running audits and inspections and all things quality system wise.*

### **Daisy Robinson**

#### **LA Governor**

*Attends Curriculum, Personnel and Committees*

*Sits on exclusion and Headteachers performance boards*

*Named governor for ArtsMark*

*I have recently joined the governor team in March 2020.*

*I have strong links with the education sector, having previously been a performing arts teacher at a local secondary school. I now work at the University of Suffolk, managing a team of 12 in delivering an outreach intervention programmes with schools across the county.*

### **Beverley King**

#### **Staff Governor**

*Attends Premises and Curriculum committees.*

*I have been a member of staff for three years as one-to-one/small group support working in school one afternoon a week.*

*After completing my Bachelor of Education degree in 1985 I started my career teaching in a primary school in Essex. During my time there I taught all age groups, trialled the initial Standard Assessment Tasks for Year 2, achieved a diploma in mathematics teaching, was a SAT moderator and became part of the Senior Learning Team.*

*I continued my teaching career in Suffolk in 2007, becoming the Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) in a local primary school; gaining the national qualification and subsequently studied for the Maths as a Specialist Teacher (MAST) qualification. My role as a SENDCo was varied. I liaised with many external agencies, empathised and supported parents through some challenging times and strived to ensure all children had the best education that could possibly be offered; a passion that has not diminished.*

**Liz Chapman**

**Foundation Governor**

*Appointed Vice-chair, chair of the Ethos Committee and sitting on the Personnel Committee. I was asked by the rural dean to become a foundation governor in September 2020. I live and worship in Chevington; which, like Cavendish is part of Clare Deanery. I qualified as a teacher in 1978 and apart from a few years away from the classroom to raise my family: I have taught in and around Bury until I retired in July 2018 as deputy head of a large primary school.*

**Reverend Mark Woodrow**

**Foundation Governor**

*After 20 years in the Insurance Industry working in both the UK and India, I was selected to train for Ordained Ministry. I trained at Ripon College Cuddesdon, a Church of England Theological College, at the same time as Reading Theology at Oxford University. I have spent the whole of my ordained ministry in South Suffolk, serving my Curacy in Lavenham before becoming Rector of the five parishes around Stoke-by-Nayland, before moving in February 2021 to be the Rector of the Stour Valley Benefice (which includes Cavendish). I am delighted to be able to part of the school here and look forward to providing spiritual and practical support to the children, staff and the wider school family.*

**Cheryl Wass**

**Headteacher, Curriculum, Personnel, Finance and Premises committees.**

*As headteacher I attend all governor meetings and full body governor meetings.*