

Hannah Webber - Chair of Governors

Having been part of the Coten End School family for the last five years, I've experienced, as a parent, the child focused ethos of the school which my children have no doubt significantly benefitted. I've also as a parent experienced the SEN support, and challenges of juggling as a working parent which I know is similar to many at the school. From my professional background I work in higher education, which gives me some understanding of the comparable pressures schools may face, whilst also seeing the visible distinction of those students who developed a love of education and were well supported in their learning from an early age. Having a role in the local hospital governance board I understand the value and challenges being a 'critical friend' to an organisation. However, I suspect the main value that I bring as a governor is just being incredibly proud of Coten End and my enthusiasm to be a part of ensuring that the school continues to thrive for future local children.

Emma Sims – Vice-Chair and Safeguarding Governor

As a mum of two children at Coten End, I'm passionate about our school, its values and ethos and the well-being of its community. I have worked at a Secondary School as a Teacher, Head of Department and Head of Faculty. I have considerable experience in school management such as leading whole school initiatives, curriculum, budgets, staffing and school development. I became a Parent Governor in February 2022.

In my own time I enjoy going to the theatre, cycling, running and spending time with friends and family.

Helen Thompson – SEND Governor

It has been a privilege to serve the Coten End community as a Parent Governor since September 2019. There are new and challenging pressures on our young people. The partnership between parent/carer and Coten End Primary School is a special one, together preparing the children for the many changes in our evolving society.

I have four children who have all attended Coten End and now moved to secondary school. I have seen the school meet the needs of 4 very different personalities of child.

I have a career background as an Assistant Head including being Head of 6th Form and Head of Biology, having responsibility for staff professional development and coordinating 14-19 Education in South Warwickshire.

On the Governing body I am responsible for Governor training as well as being the link Governor for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Nick Golsby

Following over 10 years' experience working in secondary and higher education, I am excited to join the governing board of Coten End Primary School. I look forward to making a positive impact on primary education with Coten End for pupils, parents and staff.

Currently I work as an Associate Professor in Engineering Design at Coventry University; this role sees me leading my discipline in curriculum development, quality education delivery and collaborating with leading institutes and industry.

In my own time I enjoy rowing with Warwick Boat Club, taking a scenic walk with my family and renovating our home.

Chiedza Mupfumira

I am a mother of two boys who grew up in a different educational setting from the one my children will experience. This prompted me to take a keener interest and active role in supporting my children in learning and developing. Educational institutions have a greater responsibility in embracing multiculturalism and diversity and I look forward to using my diverse experiences to be an effective parent governor.

In my career I also work in a role which allows me to explore closer working relationships between businesses and schools and ensuring business can influence the children's ability within education to recognise the importance of sustainability in a rapidly changing world. Having commenced my governor role in September 2023, I look forward to working very closely with the school management as I learn and grow.

Shammas Qurashe

I am a proud parent of two children at Coten End Primary School, and have seen first hand the positive impact the school, its values, ethos and staff have had on my children. I recently joined the Parent Governing Body and look forward to serving the community in maximising the opportunities for growth our children have whilst providing a safe and nurturing environment.

I am a qualified teacher, holding NQT status in Secondary and Higher Education. I have worked as an Engineer for the last 10 years, however, my passion for education remains. In my spare time I enjoy playing cricket, running and spending time with family and friends.

I hope to use my experience and enthusiasm to maintain the high standards we come to expect from Coten End Primary School, to ensure the school, staff and our children are best equipped for whatever the future holds.

Paula Palade

I have a background in higher education as a lecturer, following my PhD in Electrical Engineering. Currently, I work for Jaguar Land Rover as a Manager in Future technology, AI and Connected & Autonomous Vehicles, specialising in Ethics of New Technology and societal impact.

I am a Chartered Engineer with the IET, heavily involved in volunteering activities in engineering and STEM ambassador. I enjoy working at the interface between new tech, science, innovation and policy, providing benchmark and best practice.

I am excited to join the governing board of Coten End Primary School, share my experience and support the school. I became a parent governor in 2022, as my eldest son just started his educational journey with the school.

Nick Williams – Staff Governor

I joined Coten End as a class teacher in September 2012 as an NQT and I have mostly worked in Year 5 and 6 with a single year in Year 2. Up until this academic year, I was Year 5/6 Phase Leader and KS2 Mathematics Subject Leader and my roles prior to this were Year 2/3 Phase Leader and Computing Subject Leader. I am now Assistant Headteacher responsible for teaching and learning and post-Covid recovery.

It is a pleasure to work at Coten End and I particularly enjoy working in Year 6. I have always loved the Marle Hall residential visit and working towards achieving brilliant results in SATs in May.

I am looking forward to being involved in the school's governance, helping develop the bridge between governors and school staff.

Away from school, I enjoy hacking my way around a golf course and running. I am also a keen supporter of Everton and I watch many different sports.

My partner is also in education, training as a secondary school teacher currently at Sidney Stringer Academy in Coventry, and her daughter started at Coten End in Reception September 2020.