

Governor Biographies

Seth Johnson (Parent governor)

Elected a parent Governor in late 2016, I have 2 children in attendance, with a third attending part-time in Little Lambs (India, Isla and Lars). Initially attracted by the unique location and ethos of Sheepscombe School, I consider it a privilege to help maintain the school's excellent standards and vision for the future. As chairman of FOSS (Friends of Sheepscombe School), I enjoy planning and helping out in the many fundraising activities held throughout the year. With experience in a variety of job roles I am proud to be part of a school that strives to enable each and every pupil to reach their full potential



Tracey Lane (Staff governor)

I live in Gloucester with my husband Jeremy and have three grown-up children. I am a qualified Higher Level Teaching Assistant and have worked at the school since 2000 in support of both KS1 and KS2.



Tessa Lentel (Local authority governor)

Although I live in Stroud now, I was brought up in Sheepscombe and attended the village school. I was very happy to renew my association with the school by becoming a Governor. I teach science at a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) school in Cheltenham, and am able to use my experience to support my role as SEND Governor. In addition, I am a churchwarden in Sheepscombe at St John's Church. I remain involved in many aspects of village life and I am keen to build links between the school and the local community.



Matt Stanway (Parent Governor)

I joined as a Parent Governor in September 2018. I have two daughters at Sheepscombe, Rosie and Flora. My association with the school goes back further, as Lead Ranger with the National Trust based at the local estate of Ebworth, I've spent over 15 years collaborating with the School, helping to provide spaces for Forest School activities, a garden and hosting various events. Alongside my countryside management experience of twenty years, I hold a City and Guilds 'Preparing to teach in the Lifelong Learning sector (PTTLS)' certification. I'm a qualified trainer for adults in conservation and agricultural modules and teach occasionally every year. I have been a resident of the village since 2003. I'm keen to contribute towards our community and play an active part supporting my local village school.



Elisabeth Skinner co-Chair of Governors (A co-opted governor)

I am a Co-Chair of Governors and a member of the Teaching & Learning Committee. I have a long history of connection with the school as a pupil, a parent and teacher although I have been teaching 'community governance' at university since 1989. I love village history and cricket so I've written a history of Sheepscombe and I enjoy helping to run the Cricket Club and its youth coaching. I became a governor to ensure that both the children and the local community continue to benefit from a small but beautiful village school.

**Chloe Turner (A co-opted governor)**

I joined the Governors in January 2018 and I'm a member of the Strategic Operations Committee. As a chartered accountant, I hope my financial experience may be of use to the team. While I have not been in the workplace for the past few years - at home with small children, and writing fiction - I've kept my hand in by holding finance committee roles in various charitable organisations. I have three children at Sheepscombe: Hari, Griff and Mivvy, so I am keen to see our lovely school thrive and grow.

**Debby Thacker (A co-opted governor)**

I'm an ex-pat American, moved to Sheepscombe in July 2016 and became a governor in October 2017. I had been a parent governor at my children's school in Cheltenham, where, for twenty years, I was a lecturer and Course Leader in English at the University of Gloucestershire. After retiring in 2015, I teach courses in fantasy and children's literature on an American university programme in Bath and do research into several aspects of children's literature. I hold a doctorate in children's response to fiction and have a particular interest in children as storytellers and reading for pleasure. With my husband, Kevin, a mathematician, I have three sons and two grandsons.

**Lynsey Willis co-Chair of Governors (A co-opted governor)**

As a resident of Sheepscombe for over twenty five years, I have been a governor since 2012. Having recently left a long teaching career, it was the ideal time to become involved locally and maintain a keen interest in primary education. I continue to work with young children in various roles and have a particular interest in maths, environmental education and Early Years. I enjoy music, walking, travelling and spending time with my grandchildren. I am the school's designated governor for safeguarding and have responsibility for reporting on the Early Years Foundation Stage.



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