

# Our Governing Body



## Chair of Governors - Simon Hurrell

I moved to Northamptonshire in 2013 from the southeast with my wife and at the time one child, four years later we moved to Kettering and the new Hanwood Park estate. I now have three children, with the eldest having been through Hayfield and the other two currently attending.

For a living I work at a UK Cloud and Network provider as a Senior Cloud Solutions Consultant aiding businesses and government bodies with their digital transformation. I am a practising Christian and in 2023 became a Governor at Hayfield Cross.

Becoming a School Governor means I can support the school and give back to the local community which I am proud to call home.



## Vice-Chair of Governors - Raj Kapur

Parent Governor since 2021, current Safeguarding Lead Governor.

My eldest daughter joined Hayfield Cross in 2016 when there were less than one hundred children in the school. Over the next seven years it was a pleasure to see her and the school, grow and flourish. My younger daughter is in Key Stage Two.

I have been a GP, for over twenty years at the Eskdail Medical surgery in Kettering. Currently the senior partner. I work in an organisation with an incredible team with similar staff numbers and budget to Hayfield Cross. I bring extensive safeguarding, financial and managerial experience to my Governor role.



### Helen Cracknell

My appointment as a Foundation Governor started in the Autumn 2015; before this I was a member of the Shadow Governing Body. I have been reappointed by Peterborough Diocese for a third term.

In my spare time, once a week, I support the National Trust as a room guide telling visitors about the history of one of their properties. I am a Christian and an active member of Gleneagles Church, Wellingborough, where I support several groups including the role of churchwarden. I am married with two grown up married sons and have one grandchild who attends Hayfield Cross Church of England School.

My experience is as a teacher for over 30 years and then a Headteacher in several schools: finally retiring from my last headship in August 2013. After which I worked part-time for four years at Northampton University in Initial Teaching Training supporting trainee teachers.

As a Foundation Governor at Hayfield Cross Church of England School, I am focused on ensuring we have, with the staff team, an amazing school which is outstanding in all areas through which we can promote Christian values and beliefs. Every child has the right to high quality education in an effective, creative environment.



### Alison Coe

I became a Foundation Governor in September 2024 as a member of St Botolph's Church Barton Seagrave. I live in Barton Seagrave, and I am married with one child who has just started at Bishop Stopford School.

I have worked in education for over 20 years in a variety of roles including Senior Leadership. I feel that it is very important to support the school in the community and I look forward to working with all the school staff to enhance children's spiritual experience and understanding of Christian values.



### **Kate Exall**

I became a Foundation Governor in 2019 as a member of Christ the King Church and have just been reappointed for a second term. I have lived locally for over 20 years and am married with 2 children who are both at University. In my previous life, I worked as a solicitor and now work at the University of Northampton as a Law Lecturer with a particular interest in Employment and Discrimination Law and lifelong learning.

I am very proud to be a Governor at Hayfield Cross, and I am continually impressed by the hard work and dedication of the whole staff team in providing an excellent school environment and experience for each and every child within a strong Christian ethos.

Outside of my work and my Governor role, I am a trustee of Accommodation Concern in Kettering and am a founding member of MishMash, a monthly afternoon of worship and activities for families with disabled children at Christ the King.



### **Michelle Mapurazi**

I was appointed as foundation governor in the Autumn of 2023. I live on the Hanwood Park and am a practising Christian at Christ the King, Kettering. I have a child currently attending Hayfield Cross.

Professionally I am a social worker with over 10 years' experience and can contribute my professional knowledge as a governor.

As a governor my role is to ensure that the school values are reflected in the school's daily functioning and to maximise its visibility to the wider Kettering community.



### **Karen Woolard**

I have been a Teaching Assistant for the past twenty years and I have seen many changes and how they have been implemented within schools.

I have two grown up children who have gone through our local education system and university, through to successful careers. I am thankful of the education they received and being a part of it.

It is a privilege to give every child the best start. I am proud to be a part of our Hayfield family.



### **Jason Elsom**

Serving on the governing board since September 2023, Jason Elsom brings a wealth of experience in education and parental engagement. As Chief Executive of Parentkind, he is committed to empowering parents in shaping successful educational outcomes for children.

Jason's career spans internet innovation, teaching, and senior leadership in Further Education, alongside pioneering global educational initiatives. He has led transformative programs such as large-scale Skype-a-thons, PopUp College, and Speakers for Schools, connecting young people with inspirational opportunities.

As a governor, Jason applies his expertise in educational policy and parental involvement to support the school's strategic direction and development. He also serves on advisory councils for the Foundation for Education Development and The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, and he is a Trustee at Cauldwell Youth.



### **Linnet Smith**

I became a Foundation governor in January 2026, having moved to Hanwood Park in 2025.

I am a retired Anglican minister, and now a member of St Botolph's Church in Barton Seagrave.

I love the ethos of Hayfield Cross Church of England School and look forward to supporting the school in its commitment to Christian values.



### **Jane Griffiths**

I joined as a Foundation Governor in January 2026 and have a strong interest in Early Years Education, particularly in the development of reading and phonics. I am a member of St Botolph's Church in Barton Seagrave and aim to provide both support and challenge while working collaboratively with the school senior leadership teams.