



Bomere & the XI Towns Federation

Governor Spotlight

June 2018



Governor Profile

Keith Lister

Chair of Governors from September 2018



I have lived in Ruyton-XI-Towns for more than 20 years and my son attended Pre-school and now attends St John the Baptist School Primary school in the village. I am an Engineer and have worked at GKN mainly based in Telford ever since

leaving school. My current role is Global Purchasing Director for GKN Wheels, managing purchasing contracts for steel and machinery for our agricultural and construction wheel factories in Europe, North America and China. In any spare time, I enjoy DIY and classic cars. It has been a great experience for me to serve as a Parent and Co-opted Governor for the last 4 years, originally for our school in Ruyton and more recently for our Federation. I am delighted to have been nominated to take on the role of Chair of Governors from September and look forward to building on the work done by previous Chairs to support our Federation. In particular, I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Helen Antelo, for her dedication to improving our effectiveness over the last 2 years.

Members of the Governing Body

Helen Antelo	Chair of Governors (Co-opted)
Lisa Holland	Vice Chair (Parent Governor)
Julie Ball	Executive Headteacher
Stuart Field	Deputy Headteacher (Co-opted)
Katie Farmer	Staff Governor
Colin Case	Local Authority Governor
Lucinda Burns	Foundation Governor
Claire Vuckovic	Foundation Governor
Mary-Lou Toop	Foundation Governor
Vacancy	Foundation Governor
Rachel Hudson	Parent Governor
Vacancy	Co-opted Governor
Jenn Varney	Co-opted Governor
Keith Lister	Co-opted Governor
Michelle Kynaston	Co-opted Governor
Mike Skinner	Co-opted Governor
Carl Stacey	Co-opted Governor
Simon Gittins	Co-opted Governor

Update

Pat Hall, Alison Oldham, Steph Hughes, and Ros Slowley have stood down over the last 12 months, after many years of faithful service. We also lost Mick Berry in very sad circumstances.

We have welcomed Rachel Hudson and Jenn Varney, Michelle Kynaston, and Mike Skinner over the year, and have also just appointed Carl Stacey and Simon Gittins to fill two long-standing vacancies. They bring further HR, financial and business skills and interests to our board.

What do Governors do?

Governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in our school. They hold the main responsibility for finance in school and work alongside the Executive Headteacher to make decisions about budgeting. Governors work with the schools to set the strategic direction, aims and objectives, and to monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving them. They appoint, support and challenge the senior leaders.

Class Structure

We are delighted that Ruyton will be remaining at 4 classes this year, and that Bomere Heath will be going back up to 5.

Academisation

Governors have worked hard this year in discussions regarding the possibility of forming a MAT, (Multi Academy Trust) ensuring that we are in the best position to shape our own destiny and safeguard the ethos and values of both our individual schools. Due to recent changes in the government's message regarding MATs, we have decided to put these discussions on hold.

GDPR

The governing body has overall responsibility for ensuring that our school complies with all relevant data protection obligations. On 25 May 2018, new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into effect changing the way that personal data is processed. This underpins the way that we look after the personal information that we hold about you, your children, and our staff.

Over the last few months, the link governor for GDPR, on behalf of the governing body, has worked closely with the Executive Headteacher to prepare the federation and ensure compliance with these new regulations. This has included undertaking an audit of what information we hold and why, introducing a new data protection policy, and making changes to the way that some information is held and used to make sure it is as secure as possible. We have also appointed a Data Protection Officer, who will undertake an annual review of the federation's data protection practices, and is the first point of contact in the event of any concerns about how personal information is handled within the federation.

More information can be found in the GDPR Policy which is available on both school websites.

Parental Engagement Policy

We have recently approved our new parental engagement policy which is available on our websites.

Governor Training

As governors we undertake a range of training over the year to support us in our work. For example; Governors have attended courses in *Safeguarding, the Prevent strategy, Being a New Governor and GDPR*. We also held training at school on the *Key Functions of the Governing Body, and Using Data to Improve Educational Outcomes*.

A year in numbers

Approximately!

Hours spent in meetings per governor - 40 hours

Link Governor visits into school - 62 hours in total

Total hours spent on training - 40 hours

Are you interested in becoming a governor?

If so, please contact the office at either school, or speak to Helen (chair) or Lisa (vice chair). Our current need is for new governors with an interest in, or experience of, Early Years or Performance Management. Training is provided. We would love to hear from you, even if you do not fit into this category.

For more information about what the Governors of our Federation do, please visit the school websites:

www.bomereheath.shropshire.sch.uk

www.ruytonschool.org.uk