



# Meet The Governors



## An introduction to your Russell Lower School Governing Board



**Richard Gallagher**  
Chair of Governors, Sports Premium Governor. Elected as Parent Governor in November 2019 and July 2023. Primary School teacher and senior manager, with a daughter in Year 2 at Russell and another who has moved on to Year 5.



**Mariella Cook**  
Vice Chair of the board, Well-being Governor. Joined the board in September 2018 as a Local Authority Governor. Mariella is retired with vast experience in leadership, management & education, and is now a recognised volunteer in Amphill.



**Graeme Armstrong**  
Chair of the Curriculum, Learning & Standards Sub-Committee. Joined the board in March 2017. Graeme is an experienced teacher—currently Assistant Head at Redborne Upper School.



**Francesca Crowther**  
Chair of the Finance & Resources Sub-Committee, Pupil Premium Governor. Joined the board in July 2019. Fran has experience in Operations and Project management, and has one child in Year 1 at Russell and one at Ladybirds.



**Dawn Clarke**  
Joined the board in November 2021. Dawn worked for Anglian Water/Environment Agency in a range of roles, is an Amphill town councillor and has a close connection to Russell.



**Revd Dominic Holroyd**  
Joined the board in July 2022. Fr Dominic has strong community links as the Rector of Amphill, Millbrook & Steppingley, and experience of school governance from his previous parish.



**Hannah Leech**  
Safeguarding Governor. Joined the board in July 2022. Hannah has wide education experience—currently Deputy Head at a large primary school in Luton and has children in Year 1 & 3 at Russell.



**Carrie Perrett**  
SEND Governor. Joined the board in July 2022. Carrie has worked in education for a number of years, including senior management, and currently has a son in Year 1 at Russell.



**Katie Prowse**  
Health & Safety Governor. Joined the board in July 2022. Katie has experience in project management, corporate governance & compliance, and has 2 children at Russell.



**Amy Beeken**  
GDPR Governor. Elected as a Parent Governor in July 2023. Amy has wide experience in business operations, strategic planning & data analysis, and has a daughter in Year 1 at Russell.



**Sally Whiteside**  
Joined the board in July 2023. Sally is a Senior HR Business Partner, with vast experience in various aspects of HR, and has a son in Year 4 at Russell.



**Andrew Mayze**  
Joined the board as an Associate Governor in October 2023. Andrew has extensive experience of business operations, management, strategy and leadership and is keen to support the education sector.



**Nicki Walker**  
A full board member since becoming Headteacher in Sept 2015. Mrs Walker plays an integral role in all governing matters. As Head, she is accountable to the board for the educational performance of the school and brings a wealth of experience.



**Katherine Gallagher**  
Staff Governor. Joined the board in July 2014 and was elected as Staff Governor in Oct 2019 & Oct 2023. Ms Gallagher has been a member of staff at Russell for 10 years and provides a valuable insight into the views of staff body.