

Meet our Governors

Chris Johnson - Chair of Governors

I am a retired chartered local government accountant and have a background in finance, facilities and customer services' delivery at a senior level. I have been a member of several governing bodies at primary, secondary and levels within Surrey, Merton and Kingston.

My intention is to contribute to the improvements achieved by the school so far and assist, wherever possible, in the drive to ensure that the school gives its pupils the opportunity to achieve their potential. I have a clear understanding of performance management systems and processes within the school environment and the role governors can play in ensuring the improvement of the school's achievements.

I play a role as an Additional Skills Governor when asked to by Surrey County Council. I have lived in Molesey for over 30 years and have one son and daughter both of whom have been educated in the local area.

Kim Divey - Headteacher Governor

I have been a member of the Governing Body at Hurst Park School since becoming the headteacher in January 2009. My involvement with the school first began in 1992 when my eldest son joined the Nursery class and I started working here as a support teacher. Since that time I have worked in a number of roles in the school, including Maths leader, Key Stage 1 leader, assistant headteacher and class teacher in Early Years, KS1 and KS2. I have also been involved in supporting headship in other schools in Surrey.

My family and I have lived in Molesey for 28 years and my three sons all attended Hurst Park School as children. I very much enjoy living within the school's local community, being part of it and being able to contribute to its development.

I am whole-heartedly committed to the school's values of promoting respect for all and approaching learning and life with positivity and resilience. I firmly believe in the benefits of establishing strong home-school links. My key aim is to work closely as a community team of staff, governors, parents and children to provide the very best education possible for all our pupils.

David Simms - Vice Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor at Hurst Park since 1999, acting as Vice Chair since 2003. Since that date, all three of my children have passed through the school, my youngest daughter leaving in July 2011.

During my tenure as a governor I have been active in the Parent Teachers Association and managed the school football teams from 2004 to 2014.

I believe it is vital to create a strong school community and as such have taken a leading role in organising social events including annual quiz evenings and School Summer Balls.

I am passionate about sports and ran the Esher District Schools League for ten years, and also organised a Girls' District School Team that took part in a Football festival.

I regularly visit the school and am currently assigned to the Year 3 class. I have attended various school trips and Chair the Quality of Teaching Committee. I have been involved in the writing and reviewing of several of the school policies.

I am a keen photographer, and for the past few years have been involved in the filming of the school summer show, and producing the subsequent photo books and DVD's

Kirsten Froise

I have been involved with Hurst Park for 8 years, as both a parent and a governor, I have witnessed first-hand how the school has continued to maintain its high standard of education and wellbeing for the children. As chair of the Leadership and Management committee and a member of Outcomes for Pupils committee, I have been very privileged to work alongside a very dedicated Headteacher and her experienced team of teaching staff, who work tirelessly to support the needs of each and every child and who strive to enhance the school's vision, "to inspire a community of successful learners".

Born and educated in Durban, South Africa, I moved to England in 1995. I live in Molesey with my husband, teenage daughter and two small, short legged dogs! In my 'other' life, I work full time as a Customer Success Manager for a UK legal software provider. I have been able to apply my management experience that I have gained over the years to my role as a Governor, particularly as Chair of the Management and Leadership Committee.

Judith Jenkins

I began working at Hurst Park Primary as part time Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) in 2008 and joined the governing body as a staff governor in 2009. The school has seen many changes in that time; doubling in size, the highs and lows of OFSTED and a change of site to name just three. I am now a co-opted governor holding the position of Assistant Head for Inclusion and Pupil Wellbeing. I live locally with my husband and two sons, both of whom have been lucky enough to attend Hurst Park.

After university I spent some time travelling and a few years commuting into London, working for Bloomberg and then CSFB in co-ordinator type roles. I had always wanted to teach or go into social work and do something with my career that had a bit more 'soul'. I took a PGCE in 2003 and now feel very lucky to have the challenge of my role, combining both elements of education and social work. It also

encourages a creative approach to problem solving which I enjoyed in my previous career. Every day, child and family are different. What works for one may not necessarily work for another. The contrast between private and public working is interesting and quite eye opening! In 2018 I joined the Governing Board of Surrey's Virtual School. Their work focuses on improving outcomes for children looked after by Surrey.

My main focus as a member of staff and of the governing body at Hurst Park School is how to improve outcomes for the children and families that are part of our community.

Lisa Sampson

I have been a parent governor since January 2017 and a parent at the school since 2015 when my eldest started Reception. I now have two boys in the school who really enjoy Hurst Park. I became chair of the PTA when I joined the school and I'm currently still in that role. I have a passion for Hurst Park and supporting the children within the school to ensure they get the best education and support that they need. I feel very fortunate to be part of a great team and school. I currently sit on the Leadership and Resources committee and the Pupil Welfare, Behaviour and Safeguarding committee.

Over the last 13 years I have worked in various roles for a customer communications company in Essex, these include stock control, project management and most recently I am now working full time from home as an ERP Business Analyst for them which allows me to spend more time with my husband and children. Previous experience includes managing a pre-school setting and working as a care assistant in a dementia nursing home.

I am also currently working towards gaining a diploma in adolescent mental health and Paediatric Neuro-disability in children.

Paula Day

I was a parent governor at Hurst Park School when my two sons attended the school, some 35 years ago, when it was a First School, and following that, was a diocesan governor at St Lawrence Middle School, and a parent governor at Rectory School in Hampton. I worked for BBC Television's Continuing Education department for over forty years, retiring eight years ago.

As a Hurst Park resident, I have strong links with the local community, being involved in a number of local organisations, and am keen to see continued liaison between the school and the local community.

I am delighted to see the school thrive in its new location, and as a school governor will do my best to help the school's vision of inspiring a community of successful learners.

My other interests include, Hurst Park Residents' Association, Molesey Residents' Association, Molesey Local History Society, Thames Landscape Strategy, River Thames Society and the University of the Third Age.

Jenny Jupp

I have been a Governor at Hurst Park School for over 4 years, and currently serve on the 'Leadership and Resources' and 'Teaching and Pupil Outcomes' committees. I have worked in education for over 30 years, the last 8 of which as a Headteacher. Since retiring, I have had the pleasure of being involved at Hurst Park School initially as a classroom volunteer and now as a Governor. I am passionate about the education of the children in Molesey, a community I have been a part of for more than 30 years.

I have a daughter and a son and two grandchildren. I enjoy travelling, gardening, crosswords and the theatre.

Tracy Tilly

Born and bred in Molesey and a former Hurst Park pupil myself, I maintain a strong affection for the school and the local area, and I am a proud parent governor and an active PTA class representative for my two HPS children. I am an experienced, award-winning event and marketing project manager with 15+ years' experience working within the corporate sector for both media agencies and big brand clients. Now a home-based freelance marketing consultant, I also have my own small business designing children's personalised character keepsake prints and have an expanding design portfolio that fulfils my passion for creativity.

Graham Driver

I worked in the education field for nearly 50 years. Having lived in Molesey since 1971, I know the local area well. My daughter attended Hurst Park Primary School in the early 1980's, and I was a Parent Governor at that time. I am, therefore, pleased to have the privilege of being a Governor at the school again.

Emma Borland – Awaiting information

Fiona Hegarty – Awaiting information

John Wheeler – Awaiting information