

Past Governors (within the last 12 months)

Linda Craft (11th October 2023 to 29th February 2024)

My name is Linda Craft. Langford Village School has played a huge part in my life for 20 years. Both of my children attended the school where they flourished under the nurturing approach of many amazing teachers and support staff. My eldest son Peter Craft worked for a time at the school as a class teaching assistant before he married, became a dad, and moved to Derby, next year he will qualify as a teacher. My youngest Son Daniel who has autism, graduated from university last Year and is currently working locally for Imagex.

I have a range of hobbies from making a noise with different musical instruments! to reading, gardening, playing dominoes in the Bicester league with my hubby Mike, Dan, and many lifelong friends. However, my favourite is spending quality, Nana time with my beautiful Grandson, "Henry".

I had many differing roles whilst working at Langford School, such as a one-to-one support, year six class teaching assistant, Learning Mentor, and a designated safeguarding officer. My continuous professional development strategy I received at the school was vital for my own growth and that of the children, staff, and parents I served.

I know the school well and missed the school buzz since I retired. Yet, because of that I now have the time to volunteer and enjoy both the privilege and the challenge of seeing the workings of the school from a different perspective view as a governor. Where I hope to be able to make a positive contribution to the board and the life of the school which always has a place in my heart.

Peter Trussell (22nd February 2023 to 4th March 2024)

I have been a Co-opted Governor since February 2023, and Vice Chair since October 2023 and I currently serve on the QTS Committee. With a family full of teachers, I've always understood the importance of delivering an excellent standard of education to give every child the chance to succeed. I wanted to join the governing board to support the school in achieving this high standard through appropriate challenge, guidance and support.

I am currently a Civil Servant working at the UK Space Agency, partnering with experts in industry, academia, and across government to provide a skilled workforce for the growing UK space sector. I am a HR Professional by trade, with experience in recruitment, induction, training and development, skills and workforce planning. I am particularly keen to deploy my experience at the UK Space Agency to support the school's sciences, enabling every student to achieve their potential in STEM subjects.

Originally from Manchester, and having worked in Derby, Sunderland, Bristol and London, I've recently moved to Langford with my partner Chloe, alongside our black and white rescue cat, Mr. Bob.

Catherine Guy (28th June 2022 to October 2023)

I took a teaching post at Langford Village CP School starting in September 2019 where I currently teach the Swans class in Reception. I have been a teacher since 2012 and have taught Years Reception - 3 in other schools across Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

When the opportunity to put myself forward for the Teacher Governor role, I was keen to apply and use my teaching experience to support and give back to the school.

I am a passionate to continue my professional development. In the past year I have completed my level 3 Forest School leadership course and look forward to using this qualification to enhance outdoor learning throughout school.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family and friends, bake yummy treats, go on long walks, go for a swim (both inside and out) and knit.

Laura Sabariego Lezcano (27th November 2020 to 19th July 2023)

My name is Laura and I have three children in the school.

We are relatively new to the Langford School and Community, however we have felt nicely welcomed.

My background is in education, particularly Music and Spanish. I have worked at State, Independent, Special and International Schools. Currently, I work in an education company with schools abroad and in the UK.

I am passionate about learning the benefits of different methodologies and approaches in education, like Educational Neuroscience, Growth mindset, Montessori or Positive Discipline.

I am delighted to be part of the Governors and support the continued flourishing of all of our kids.

Graham Hill (27th November 2019 to 18th April 2023)

For me, the role of a Governor is to support the school in delivering an excellent standard of education, giving all children the opportunity to reach their potential.

I have lived in Langford for over 10 years and have two boys at the school. My eldest has autism, so I have special interest in how the school supports children with additional needs.

As owner of a Customer Experience business, and Trustee of local charity Action4Youth, I enjoy supporting organisations to achieve their goals, and am excited about the opportunity to help the school in the same way.

In my spare time you can usually find me out on a family walk with our crazy dog or running around Bicester in training for my next challenge.