

United Learning Hanwell Fields Community School

Local Governing Body Member Profile

Name: Andrew Lister

Governor Role: Chair of Governors

About me:



I was elected as a parent governor in 2010 and have been Chair of the Local Governing Body since the school joined United Learning on conversion to academy status. I have been a Hanwell parent since 2008 having seen our two eldest children right through the school with our youngest currently in year 4. As Chair of Governors I am also a member of the Education Board of United Learning.

My background is in commercial Theatre and Performing Arts, having led and managed a number of provincial theatre venues including the Palace Theatre Manchester, Milton Keynes Theatre and Bristol Hippodrome.

I am currently Executive Director for the Mill Arts Centre here in Banbury.

I am proud to be able to support the fantastic staff and leadership team at the school and share their commitment to coaching the very best from each and every one of our children.

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Local Governing Body Member Profile

Name: Karen Nolan

Governor Role: Framework for Excellence

About me:



My name is Karen, I have been a Parent Governor for over three years with the school. I have a child who is in Year 3 and a child that left last year who had her fantastic Primary years education at Hanwell and as now gone onto NOA.

My main background is 20 years in Retail Management where I am currently a Manager for the Arcadia Group. The role is very varied from selling to financial planning. I am passionate about our school and want it to be the best it can be by helping drive excellence throughout.

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Local Governing Body Member Profile

Name: Zahira Tai

Governor Role: Teacher Governor

About me:



I'm Zahira, and I'm delighted to serve as a governor at Hanwell Fields Community School. I bring over three years of teaching experience, along with a background as a deputy manager in a nursery setting. I hold a BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies and a PGCE.

Alongside my teaching roles, I also worked as a play leader at the Sunrise Multicultural Project, where I supported children with low cultural capital through creative, hands-on experiences. I have led enterprising projects with my class to raise funds for the school, helping pupils build real-world skills while giving back.

My teaching approach is creative and immersive — I love bringing learning to life. Highlights have included themed days around Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, where pupils dressed up, tried new foods, and engaged in interactive activities that made history feel real and exciting.

I'm an active member of the school community and enjoy regularly volunteering at events. Outside of school, **I'm a professional henna artist and enjoy expressing my creativity in various forms. I have a passion for photography, particularly capturing natural beauty and aesthetically pleasing moments,** along with canvas painting, calligraphy, and baking. In my free time, I enjoy travelling, going on scenic walks, and discovering different cuisines, with brunch being a personal favourite.

As a governor, I bring experience in education, curriculum planning, and community engagement. I am committed to supporting Hanwell Fields in offering inclusive, imaginative learning opportunities that inspire every child.

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Local Governing Body Member Profile

Name: Dawn McLeod

Governor Role: Vice-chair/SEND governor

About me:



My name is Dawn McLeod and I have been a parent governor at the school since 2023. I joined the governing body because I am passionate about supporting Hanwell Field's vision for every child to reach their full potential in a safe, inclusive and inspiring environment.

For the last 13 years I have been a class teacher at another Banbury primary school. This gives me valuable experience in how schools function, particularly with regards to SEND, an area that I am extremely passionate about.

It is a privilege to contribute to the success of Hanwell Fields School and to help with strategic planning, oversight, and ensuring accountability across the school. As a parent governor, with children in KS2 and Early Years, I enjoy being involved in school life and attending events, as well as, engaging with staff, parents and the wider community.

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Local Governing Body Member Profile

Name: Ann-Marie Wortley

Governor Role: Safeguarding

About me:



I am Deputy Head at another local primary school and live in Banbury. I have been a teacher for 18 years and worked in Oxford and Banbury during that time, having taught in EYFS, KS1 and 2 and trained as a designated safeguarding lead. I have also been a foster carer with Oxfordshire County Council in the past and have volunteered for most of my adult life with a charity taking disadvantaged and disabled children to Lourdes in France.

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Local Governing Body Member Profile

Name: Richard Mills

Governor Role: Pupil Premium

About me:



I have worked within education and SEND over the last 20 years. Currently overseeing Short Breaks funded contracts for the largest Multi-Academy Trust in Oxfordshire. I am passionate about inclusion and accessibility for all, and I hope that my professional background will be able to support my role as Governor at Hanwell Fields School.

Hanwell Fields has been the primary school for my child since reception, they have flourished within this environment. The school has a true community feel about it, and I am thrilled to be a part of it.