



Blakeney, Pillowell and Walmore Hill Community Schools' Federation

About the Governors

If you have an interest in joining our friendly Board of Governors, please contact Chris Fordham at Chair@blakeney.gloucs.sch.uk

Chris Fordham, Chair of Governors, Co-opted



After serving in the RAF as a pilot for nearly 8 years Chris left to become an airline pilot. Flying first in Hong Kong to destinations across the globe, before moving back to the UK to settle just outside Blakeney.

Chris recognises how privileged he is to have enjoyed both an excellent education and family support throughout his younger years. The skills, confidence and resilience that he gained through his school years were key in allowing him to realise his academic and professional ambitions.

Chris is passionate about ensuring that young people across the Federation are given skills that will allow them to succeed and to cope with the personal, educational and professional challenges of modern life. Chris finds it incredibly rewarding to work alongside such passionate and hardworking teaching staff and pupils and to watch children in our schools flourish as they learn, grown and develop during their time here.

Chris is married to Beth and they have 2 young children who occupy most of their time when they are not working, gardening or doing DIY! They enjoy walking and cycling together with their dog Buster in the beautiful Forest of Dean.

James Erskine, Vice Chair of Governors, Co-opted

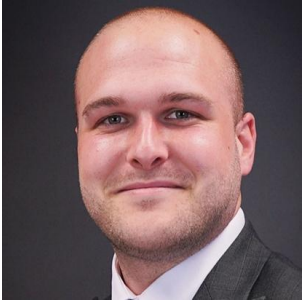


James is a co-opted governor at Blakeney, Pillowell & Walmore Hill Community School Federation.

James has been working in project and facilities management for 20 years, currently supporting the Government Property Agency to manage and deliver large scale capital projects across their estate with a focus on net zero and health and safety.

James will bring experience to support and ensure BPW Federation is a safe environment for children and staff and support the school to deliver development and maintenance projects.

Jarrod du Val, Parent Governor



Jarrod is an electrical engineer by trade and has worked professionally as a quantity surveyor and commercial manager, currently working to deliver new Health Systems projects across UK and Ireland for the NHS and Private Hospitals. He has significant experience in aiding with building management, budgeting, and monitoring financial performance.

Jarrod has been a resident of Blakeney since 2016 and has a young family with close connections to Blakeney school. Outside of work, Jarrod enjoys spending time with his family, doing DIY and is a keen motorcyclist.

Carly Roberts, Staff Governor

Carly has worked in Education for almost 25 years in both educational support and teaching roles across a range of settings and age ranges before qualifying as a SENDCo 6.5 years ago. She has been the Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Designated Safeguard Lead across the Federation since January 2024. Supporting our fabulous team of staff and allowing all of our children to thrive and succeed in order to be the best they can be!

Carly is a single mum to her teenage son Afie. When she is not in school doing the job she is passionate about, she can be found on the trails mountain biking, walking with her 2 Spaniels or in the water swimming or paddleboarding.

Lois Adams, Co-opted Governor



Having grown up in the Forest of Dean, Lois was pleased to return in the summer of 2023 following time living in London and abroad. She is looking forward to being able to serve the community as a governor. Lois has worked as a secondary history teacher since 2017 and hopes to offer a useful perspective from a different point in the education sector.

Lois lives in Flaxley with her partner and they enjoy getting outside together whether walking, cycling or gardening.

Patrick Houghton, Co-opted Governor



Patrick Houghton is a Senior Manager within the manufacturing industry and has specialised in the aerospace sector for over 15 years, with particular expertise in Health, Safety, Quality and Environmental.

His skill set, knowledge and experience is focused of process improvement, safeguarding, defining and implementing strategic and operational change.

Patrick's passionate to leverage his skills to create a safe, effective, and inspiring learning environment for all students. His background in ensuring high standards and safety protocols is invaluable in promoting a secure and thriving school community.