

Governors of the School



Jacqueline Baron – I came to Wood End School in 1989 as deputy head and have been head teacher since 1996. It is amazing to now see children I taught coming back as parents and finding out how well they have achieved in their lives. I am a member of the Governing body and enjoy working with staff and people from the local community to help our children succeed and have a happy memorable time at school. I love the community ethos and family feel of the school. Although I have been here a long time we are always moving on, implementing Government changes or improving the learning environment for the children. In the 25 years I have been at Wood End I have never stopped for a moment!



Debbie Dyer - I have lived and worked in the area for over 30 yrs. I started working at wood end as the breakfast club leader 6yrs ago and I am now on my second term as governor and have seen the school go from strength to strength. I have been involved in many different groups over the years and the governing body is one of the most enjoyable I have been involved in. Everyone involved has the best interests of the children at heart and works very hard to ensure the children have the best start not only in education but life skills as well. The staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure the children reach their full potential.



Louise Gregitis - I currently work as the administrator of Stantonfields Pre-School which is located within Wood End First School. Both of my children attended Wood End First School (myself too many years ago!) and we all share happy and positive memories of our time here as pupils. I became a co-opted governor in Sept 2015, taking on the role of Development Governor, which involved having an interest in the training and development of our Governing Body. As a governor I enjoy being involved with the decision making of how the school is run and contributing to the school's development.



Janet Howe - I retired as headteacher of a local primary school in 2011, having taught in Milton Keynes for 20 years. Before that, I was a Medical Physicist in London. I decided to train to teach because I enjoyed running my local preschool when my own children were young. My degree in physics has proved very useful in my teaching career! I was co-opted as a governor in 2012 and am pleased that I can still contribute to children's education. I am Chair and responsible for Literacy - you may have seen me reading with the children, attending the school council or building bridges and shelters in the "forest"! Wood End is a true community school which makes learning exciting for the children and I hope to be able to continue my involvement with the school for many years.



Sandra Kennedy – I have been a governor of Wood End School since 1996 and have seen many changes and many improvements to the school in that time. I have held a number of roles on the Governing body at various times including Chair, Vice Chair, Child Protection Governor, Literacy Governor and Early years Governor. I am also involved in Stantonfields Pre School and was on the Advisory Board of Squirrels Children's Centre, both of which are located in the school. In the wider community I serve on Stantonbury Parish Council and am involved in the local church. I am an avid reader and have been part of a pub quiz team for the last 32 years. I have a grown up family in Staffordshire where I also have a narrow boat. Canals are a passion and my favourite activity is exploring our historic waterways either on my own or with family.



Sue Lynch - I have lived for many years in the small market town of Olney. I am married, and have two adult daughters, and three school-age grand children. I trained as a Primary Teacher in the 1970's, and have worked as a teacher in various Milton Keynes Schools, with EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. I retired from teaching in July 2014. When I was teaching full-time I completed a Masters Degree in Primary Education with the Open University. Since retiring I have become involved as a volunteer with the Bridgebuilder Trust; which seeks to build links between local Christian churches and schools in Milton Keynes. I also work in a voluntary capacity with the Olney- Newton Link; a local charity which aims to support the community of Newton in Sierra Leone. My involvement with Wood End School began in February 2010, when I was appointed to work on a part-time basis in Year 2, and then later as a full-time teacher in the Foundation Class. I have been a co-opted governor at Wood End First School since I retired, prior to that I was a staff governor. I feel a great affinity with the School; it's family- friendly ethos, inclusive culture, and can-do attitude to providing life-changing opportunities for its pupils, are both inspiring and evident in its day-to-day life. I hope that my familiarity with the School, the experience and skills that I have acquired, and continue to acquire along the way, and my enthusiasm to see the School do even better, will help the School to be the best it can be.



Steve Upton - I joined Wood End permanently in January 2014 as a part-time teacher, job sharing in Year 1, having also taught the Summer Term in 2013 in Year 1. Previously I have taught in Essex and Milton Keynes schools for 26 years, including 9 years as an infant school headteacher. What attracted me to Wood End was the very friendly but dedicated atmosphere of the school, which always has the needs of the children and the community at its heart. I am part of a great team both in year 1 and in the school as a whole, and wanting to give something more back I became a staff governor in June 2014. Away from school life, I have two teenage children, am a keen football fan and player and in my final year of counselling training. I feel extremely fortunate to work where everyone is willing to try new, sometimes challenging things to help our children to become the best that they can be, academically, socially and emotionally, so as a governor my aim is to support the school towards this goal.



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Ian Walker – I am married with 4 children and have lived in Milton Keynes since 1977 and have seen many changes so I felt I should put something back in to the community. I have been a scout leader with a local group since 2006 and I have also helped to run the local Scout and guide Gang show as a business manager for 6 years. I decided to become a governor in 2012 when my daughter joined Wood end School



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Claire Wilson- I joined Wood End in January 2013 as the Deputy Head teacher. I have taught both in Year 2 and Foundation stage during my time at wood End. However working in a small school allows us to get to know all of the children and there are many opportunities to do this. I am a mother of two primary school age children and am passionate about working in partnership with parents to provide the best education for the children here at Wood End. One of the things I most like about working and teaching at Wood End is how dedicated the staff are to the school and the children, they are open to change and always striving to help the children achieve their best.



Lindi Moyo - I was co-opted as Governor in September 2015 and took on the role of Governor responsible for Numeracy from 2017. I first trained and worked as a Teacher and Translator from early 1990s before pursuing a profession in Finance and Administration. I do still teach and tutor privately and offer language consultancy services during my spare time. As a trained teacher and having served in a Management Committee of an education and culture institution, I am happy to contribute to the local community and to the development and education of young children.