












## Governors 2023/2024



Name	Membership	
<p><b>Carly Bucknell</b></p> 	<p>Chair / Community Governor</p>	<p>I have been a school governor since 2011 having been encouraged by my employer a London Local Authority to utilise my skillset to ensure good educational outcomes for the children residing within our borough. I worked with a large 4/5 form entry school within East London which had a sizable cohort of children either living in poverty or not speaking English at home or inevitably both, making attainment levels or progress for children particularly challenging. In my time there I experienced two Ofsted Inspections both I am pleased to say with 'Good' outcomes. Due to personal reasons, having become a mother myself and relocating to Great Dunmow, I unfortunately had to resign as Chair of Governors in 2022 as I could not make the travel and logistics work for my young family. And here starts my journey with Flitch Green Academy.....unable to stay away from school governance for too long (2 months in fact!) and a 10-minute drive making school visits and meetings all the more achievable for me and my young family, I responded without a second thought to a social media appeal for governors. I have been a governor here at FGA for just over a year and have recently been appointed as Chair of the Governing Body. I'm committed to using my knowledge, experience and ability gained in my previous role, to ensure our governing body can best support Mr Burden &amp; his staff with delivering the educational attainment and experiences for your children whilst ensuring our funding is being well spent.</p>
<p><b>Katie Bailey</b></p> 	<p>Vice Chair/Community Governor</p>	<p>My husband Joe and I moved to Flitch Green in 2017 from Crouch End, North London. Currently, I am on an extended maternity leave. I currently have a 3 year old little girl, who will hopefully join the Academy in September 2024 and 1 year old twins. I volunteer and help, plan and run Little Flitchers playgroup every Monday in the Community Centre.</p> <p>I have now been part of the Governing Body at the Flitch Green Academy for just over 6 years. I have been teaching for over twelve years and I specialise in the Early Years. I am also a Forest School Leader.</p> <p>I believe that the Early Years in education are hugely important, and that the skills, interests and enthusiasm developed in this period set children on their own their future paths in society. Before I had my children, I was a Reception class teacher and Forest School and English/Phonics Leader at Felsted Pre-Prep.</p> <p>The best part of being a Governor is being in school with the children and our staff. My priority as a teacher and Governor is to ensure that all children thrive and make good progress during their time at Flitch Green, in order to ensure happy and secure futures.</p>

<p><b>Jonathan Shakallis</b></p> 	<p>Vice Chair/ Community Governor</p>	<p>My Son Matthew attended The Flitch Green Academy and left in 2020, and my wife Mrs Shakallis has been a teacher since the school opened in 2008. I have been sitting as a governor for over 7 years, and I am currently Co-Vice Chair of Governors and Vice Chair of FAR (Finance Audit and Risk) committee.</p> <p>I work for a transport owning group as Head of New Business and Innovation, and I have been supporting the school for many years since it first opened in 2008/2009; volunteering my time in gaining quotes for equipment. The latest piece of work was to install the new PA system in the school hall and the mobile battery operate PA system which was used on our last sports day.</p> <p>I wholly believe in Our Vision: 'to provide creative learning experiences, which will inspire and challenge our children to maximise their academic potential' ensuring 'children leave us as honest, kind and respectful young people, equipped with the skills to continue their journey as lifelong learners'.</p>
<p><b>Jenny Scarpenter</b></p> 	<p>Parent Governor/ Chair of Curriculum and Pupils Committee</p>	<p>I have been a parent governor at FGA for just over 3 years. I have a daughter who is currently in year 6, so I will be stepping down at the end of this school year. I became a Governor to ensure that Flitch Green Academy provides the best experience for all the children at the Academy and that parents feel part of that journey. In my time I have seen numerous Principals in post and am glad that we now have stability and leadership with Mr Burden in post.</p> <p>As a governor, I have been able to influence a change to a more cost effective uniform supplier, be part of the recruitment process for the new Principal and have also seen numerous improvements within the Academy, such as the recent addition of the tyre park and running track.</p> <p>I am in the playground most afternoons for pick up so feel free to come and say hi!</p>
<p><b>Katie Brown</b></p> 	<p>Community Governor/ Chair of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee</p>	<p>When the Flitch Green Academy were seeking Community Governors with a financial background it coincided with my daughter starting school, and thus having some more free time on my hands. I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to support the school that my daughter would potentially be attending, whilst putting some of the skills I have learnt, in my 18 years of working in the Banking and Wealth Management industry to good use. I therefore joined the Governing Body, as a Community Governor, in September 2022 and recently took the position as chair of the Finance, Audit &amp; Risk Committee.</p> <p>I really enjoy playing an active part in supporting the school, and its staff, to ensure the Flitch Green Academy is providing creative learning experiences, which will inspire and challenge the children, to maximise their academic potential.</p>

<p><b>Sarah Rider</b></p> 	<p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>I have been involved with the Flitch Green Academy for a number of years, joining the PTA when my eldest started in reception in 2014 and becoming a parent governor in 2020. My eldest has now left the Academy but I still have a son in year 5. I work as a private client solicitor and in my spare time still help with PTA events to raise money for the school. I see the Academy as the heart of the local community and am proud to be part of a committed team that supports the school to flourish and provide the highest standard of education to the pupils at the Academy to allow them reach their full potential.</p>
<p><b>Amy Hawes</b></p> 	<p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>I have been a parent Governor since June 2022. I have two children at the Academy who are happy and settled in year 4 and Reception. I have lived on Flitch Green for the past 9 years and enjoy raising my family in the community.</p> <p>I enjoy being part of the Pupil and curriculum committee and visiting the children in school. As a foster carer, I have many years' experience with children from all backgrounds and this helps me in my role.</p> <p>I became a parent governor as I'm passionate about my children's education and those in the community.</p>
<p><b>Tania Williams</b></p> 	<p>Community Governor</p>	<p>I became a community governor in May of last year. I live in North End with my partner Kellie and Reggie the sausage dog. I am an Operations Manager by day, working from home and central London. I joined the team to make a difference, support the Academy, and the local community, utilising my professional experience.</p> <p>I attended 'The Festival of the Arts' within the first few weeks of starting, and I chatted to one of the parents and introduced myself; they asked what does a governor do?</p> <p>I replied; we monitor the school's performance, including academic achievements, attendance rates, and the progress of students and she seemed quite impressed. I was too, but I had just recently attended a Governors' course, but afterwards I thought it's so much more than that. We analyse data, ask challenging questions, and hold the school accountable for meeting targets and delivering high-quality education. It made me wonder how many other parents ask the same question. My goal is to meet more with the community to ensure all parents and the community understand the great work the governing body delivers, in close collaboration with the academy.</p>

<p><b>Claire Farley</b></p> 	<p>Staff Governor</p>	<p>I am a staff governor on the board and I currently teach Year 6 at the Academy but have taught across most of the school at some point. I have worked at Flitch Green for ten years now and have held various responsibilities including being a member of the Senior Leadership team. I am particularly passionate about the curriculum, and, as the English co-ordinator at the Academy, I have overseen the teaching and learning of reading and writing for six years now. As a governor, I am on the Curriculum and Pupil committee and am also the governor linked to Year 1/2 in the school. I have learned a lot from my role as a governor, seeing how the school operates as a business and on a more strategic level with pupils first and foremost at the heart of every decision.</p>
<p><b>Karen Jordan</b></p> 	<p>Staff Governor</p>	<p>My name is Karen and I am a staff Governor. My role within the Academy is supervisor during both lunchtimes and breakfast club. I have been on the Governing body for 7 years, and a member of staff for 14 years .My daughter was one of the original starters, when the school opened in 2008.</p> <p>My passion within the school is the children and making sure their individual needs are met to the highest standards.</p>
<p><b>Alan Ellwood</b></p> 	<p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>My wife and I moved to Flitch Green at the end of 2017, fast forward 18 months and we welcomed our baby daughter. When it came to choosing a primary school for her, The Flitch Green Academy was our first choice and when this also coincided with an appeal for new parent and community governors, I took the opportunity to put myself forward. My background is in accountancy, and I am an ACCA qualified accountant. My working life has taken me from an accountancy practice, doing everything from preparing accounts for small companies to auditing some of the Cambridge colleges to a well-known cosmetics brand based in Chelmsford, a chemical ingredient distributor in Bishop's Stortford and I currently find myself at a charter airline based at Stansted Airport.</p> <p>I joined the governing body to put something back into the excellent community we live in and to ensure that all children (including my daughter) get the best out of their early school adventures.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to working with the other governors and helping them to continue the excellent work they are doing at the Academy.</p>



<p><b>Jon Nunn</b></p> 	<p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>I moved to Flitch Green in 2018 with my family. My eldest son started at the Academy in 2021 and my second son is due to hopefully start in Reception this September. I was born and raised with views over the sugar beet factory and went to school locally, so have good knowledge of the area.</p> <p>After moving away for some time, I returned, as I knew Flitch Green would be a great place to raise a young family. I currently serve in the Metropolitan Police, where I have worked on the front line for the last twenty years as a Police Officer and now a Sergeant.</p> <p>I applied to be a Parent Governor this year as I want to contribute and lend my skills and ideas to the running of the school and help shape its future.</p>
<p><b>Laura Lilley</b></p> 	<p>Community Governor</p>	<p>I'm a Marketing Manager for a new build housing developer, and I am excited to have recently taken on the role of Community Governor for the Flitch Green Academy as of December 2023. I've lived in Flitch Green for the last 8 years.</p> <p>Bringing over 10 years of experience in Marketing, Communications, and PR, my professional background aligns with my passion for community involvement and education. My son will hopefully be attending Flitch Green Academy in 2025 and I wanted to get more involved, to support the values and aspirations of the Academy. I hope to be able to leverage my skills to contribute to the school's growth and success, with a focus on raising the profile of our school through new initiatives.</p> <p>I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the local community, working together to create a positive and enriching educational environment.</p>