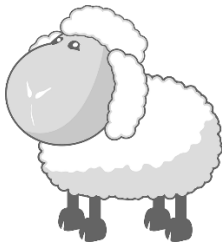




MEET OUR GOVERNORS



Jon Clarke (Co - Opted Governor)

I moved to Sheepscombe in 2020 already having three children in the school. I was pleased to join the governing team in 2021. I have worked in both primary and secondary schools and for a period home educated two of our children; I have always been interested in education. I have been a full-time parent for the last few years but hold a master's in environmental architecture and previously worked as a project manager in the low carbon sector. I am proud to be able to be part of a school that has helped my children to excel.



Sachi Hatakenaka (Co - Opted Governor)

I am a co-opted governor, based in Longridge, Sheepscombe but I am originally from Japan. I worked for three decades as a consultant/researcher on education systems and policies around the world but am now retired. I have a degree in Physics and a doctorate on organisational management. I enjoy jazz, classical music and organic gardening - which I share with the wildlife! I am passionate about the unique opportunities our School provides but recognise that it is not easy for small schools: even a small external change can be a major shock – although I have seen how well the school has coped. I look forward to helping embed lessons from past successes and to finding more steps to make the school even more resilient! I will also do all to ensure that Sheepscombe as a village enjoys the full benefits of having a vibrant local school.



Seth Johnson (Parent governor)

Elected a parent Governor in late 2016, I have 2 children in attendance at the school. Initially attracted by the unique location and ethos of Sheepscombe School, I consider it a privilege to help maintain the school's excellent standards and vision for the future. I also enjoy planning and helping in the many fundraising activities held throughout the year to help finance extra education opportunities and assets for the pupils. I have experience in a variety of job roles, and I am proud to be part of a school that strives to enable each pupil to reach their full potential.



Tessa Lentel (Local authority and Safeguarding governor)

Although I live in Stroud now, I was brought up in Sheepscombe and attended the village school. I am pleased to keep up my association with the school by being a Governor. I retired from teaching science at a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) school in Cheltenham last year but feel I can still use my experience to support my role as SEND Governor. I have just taken on responsibility as Safeguarding Governor. In addition, I am a churchwarden in Sheepscombe at St John's Church. I remain involved in many aspects of village life, and I am keen to build links between the school and the local community



Debby Thacker (Co-Opted Governor and Chair of governors)

I've been a governor since 2017 and became Chair in 2021. My background is in English and I was a lecturer and Course Leader in English at the University of Gloucestershire for over 20 years. Since retiring, I teach courses in fantasy



and children's literature on an American university programme in Bath and do research into several aspects of children's literature. I hold a PhD in children's response to fiction and have a particular interest in children as storytellers and reading for pleasure. I am on the Board of Cheltenham Festivals and MakeBelive Arts (Helicopter Stories), and am currently the Chair of judges for the David Vaisey Prize (for innovation in libraries)

My husband, a mathematician, and I have three sons and three grandchildren.



Chloe Turner (Co-opted governor)

I joined the Governors in January 2018 and I'm a member of the Strategic Operations Committee. As a chartered accountant, I hope my financial experience may be of use to the team. While I have not been in the workplace for the past few years - at home with small children and writing fiction - I've kept my hand in by holding finance committee roles in various charitable organisations. I have three children at Sheepscombe.



Matt Stanway (Parent Governor and Vice Chair)

I joined as a Parent Governor in September 2018. I have two daughters at Sheepscombe. My association with the school goes back further, as Lead Ranger with the National Trust based at the local estate of Ebworth, I've spent over 15 years collaborating with the school, helping to provide spaces for Forest School activities, a garden and hosting various events. Alongside my countryside management experience of twenty years, I hold a City and Guilds 'Preparing to teach in the Lifelong Learning sector (PTTLS)' certification. I'm a qualified trainer for adults in conservation and agricultural modules and teach occasionally every year. I have been a resident of the village since 2003. I'm keen to contribute towards our community and play an active part supporting my local village school.
