

Steve Davies – Parent Governor Re-Election

I am a father of two children who attend Temple Grafton School, and I am seeking re-election as a Parent Governor.

We are all, including the school, facing challenging times at the moment. In the last four years, as Finance Governor, I have built up a strong knowledge of government and school funding and helped to manage, monitor, and scrutinise the school budget to ensure that the children of Temple Grafton School have the resources that they need. I have helped secure funding for the Outdoor Active Learning Areas to improve children's physical and emotional health. I have also helped secure funding for the replacement roof, and I am currently advising on bids to secure funding for a replacement boiler. I have over 10 years professional and management experience in the energy sector; as Head of Regulation at EON Energy I believe that my knowledge of school funding, coupled with my professional experience, will help the school leadership navigate these difficult times for the benefit of all our children.

During my time as a Parent Governor, I have supported the school through the pandemic, ensuring the children's and staffs' emotional well-being, as well as the provision of remote learning, providing feedback where necessary. I have become experienced in supporting and challenging the school's improvement plans, ensuring that the senior leadership team provide a broad and balanced curriculum, with extra-curricular provision, inclusive of all children. As part of the governing body I have worked alongside the teachers to monitor pupil progress so that the school and its children can achieve their very best. I regularly visit the school and I have been able to bring a parental perspective on school decisions.

I would like with your support to continue this work in these difficult economic times. From our very first visit to the school, it was clear what a fantastic environment for learning there is here at Temple Grafton School. I'm really excited to play a part in helping all children at the school fulfil their potential and making sure they leave with happy memories of their time here.

Kerry McGreavy

My two children joined Temple Grafton Church of England Primary School in September 2021, joining the reception and year 3 classes, following our move to the local area. Since our first visit to the school in summer 2021, and consistently since, I've been impressed by the nurturing, supportive and pupil-centric approach displayed by all staff. I am keen to support the school and have a range of skills and experiences that I believe would allow me to positively contribute to the governance and on-going success of the school.

In my work-life I come from a Higher Education background, having worked for Coventry University for the past 11 years, and so I have an understanding of the education sector and the many challenges it faces. My current role is focussed on the governance of our apprenticeship provision, which includes responsibility for ensuring preparedness for Ofsted inspection and has allowed me to develop a detailed understanding of the education inspection framework. I am a deputy designated safeguarding lead, and having received formal training: I have knowledge of the requirements for keeping children safe in education. As a Staff Governor for the university, I also have an appreciation for the wide range of responsibilities that a Governor holds, including oversight of the effective use of resources, setting the strategic direction, and approving financial records. Managing a department of 35 staff also gives me transferable skills in budget management and management of HR related issues.

I would welcome the opportunity to offer my broad range of skills and experiences to support the board of governors in ensuring the continued success of Temple Grafton Church of England Primary School.

Adam Clarkesmith

I am a father of two girls at the school and would welcome the opportunity to help steer the direction of the school over the coming years.

I have lived in Stratford upon Avon almost my entire life, moving here when I was 3 years old, but took a 3yr secondment to Munich for work, having returned to the UK in 2021. I helped run the family business before undertaking an engineering degree and moving into the corporate workspace.

I wish to be involved with this role to help steer the education of future generations ensuring the school has access to a broad curriculum, with my particular interest in STEM. I would like to enhance the school's extra-curricular provision and ensure there is a high standard of quality in everything that is delivered, including from external providers. I am a firm believer in equal opportunities and want to make sure that all the pupils are given the tools and knowledge they need to become highly valued members of society in whatever path they take.

Lastly, I believe it's critical that the children of today understand how important health is. Personal health, both mental and physical is a big part of my life, but equally important to me is community health and environmental health. I would love to be part of the team driving in contemporary and progressive, evidence based, learning about how we work together to make the world a healthy and happy place.