

South Bersted CE Primary School

Governor Profiles – September 2019

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Ron Robson – Parent Governor/Chair

My name is Ron Robson. I have been a Governor since 2011. My son and daughter both attended South Bersted School. I am also married to Mrs Robson who teaches in Year 4 and who is also a Staff Governor.

As well as taking on the role of Chair, I have also chosen to work with the PE Subject Leader to find out more about the subject and how it is taught within the school. I enjoy being a Governor as it gives me an opportunity to help guide what happens within the school. Outside of my Governor role I work as a Senior Contracts Manager for a local building company and I have been able to use my knowledge in this area to help advise on and improve the school buildings and facilities. Away from work and school I am involved in coaching a local under 12's football team, which is enjoying success. I enjoy watching all kinds of sports and am always keen to try new things.



Sandy Osman – Staff Governor / School Business Manager

I have been a Governor at South Bersted School since 2008, as a Parent, Staff and now Co-opted Governor. The school has been an important part of my life since 1997, when my eldest son started in Reception. All three of my boys greatly enjoyed their time at the school and I always felt welcome as a parent helper and member of The Friends of South Bersted.

I was delighted when I had the opportunity to work at the school in a Community Development role and then to move into my current role as School Business Manager. I have very strong connections with the school and the community that I have lived and worked in for the past 30 years and feel that my background in banking and nursery work has given me a range of skills that I can bring to the Governing Body. I have always felt very proud to be a part of such a wonderful school and to see how it has developed over the years, whilst watching the children grow and gain the confidence and skills they need to be ready for the next stage in their lives. Outside of work I love spending time with my family and we all share a passion for travelling in the UK and abroad. I like to visit the theatre and cinema and I am an avid reader.



Tim Crook – Foundation Governor (Ex-officio)

I am the vicar at St Mary Magdalene Church, and as part of my role I am also invited to be a Governor at South Bersted School, which is a terrific privilege. I regularly give Collective Worship in school and am often in school for Governor visits and meetings.

I met my wife Annette in Plymouth and we then relocated to Bognor Regis. I enjoy days out with our family. I have three children; my youngest daughter is currently at Bishop Luffa School having previously been at South Bersted. I am passionate about food, and like eating out in restaurants.



Pamela Downs – Local Authority Governor

My name is Pam Downs and I have been a Governor at South Bersted School since 2015. My additional areas of responsibility within the Governing Body are SEND/Inclusion and Early Years. I moved to the area from Norfolk. Before that I taught a mixed Early Years/Year 1 class (and sometimes Year 2) in a small Church of England school where I was also a Staff Governor. My granddaughter is at South Bersted School.

I wanted to keep in touch with children and education so I volunteered to listen to the children read. I then offered my services as a School Governor.



Malcolm Penberthy – Foundation Governor

My name is Malcolm Penberthy. I joined the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor in February 2016 as I feel that the early development of children is important and I wished to be an active part of that process. I have additional responsibility within the Governing Body for Science. I am also the link Governor for Year 6.

I have recently retired, having been employed at Mercer since 1997 as a Pensions Analyst, this followed a 26 year career with the Royal Air Force as an aeronautical engineer. Currently I run the local squadron of the Air Training Corps and have been involved with this organisation since leaving the Royal Air Force; this takes up some time but I still have time to take part in my hobby of Offshore Sailing. I am also an active member of South Bersted Church as a PCC member as well as singing in the choir. I enjoy working with the Headteacher, staff and the other members of the Governing Body to ensure that South Bersted School achieves and surpasses the ever changing standards required by Ofsted and the Diocese of Chichester.

Michelle Robson – Staff Governor/Year 4 Class Teacher



My name is Michelle Robson and I am a Staff Governor having taken on the role in January 2016. I am currently the class teacher in Year 4 but have previously taught in a variety of year groups during my 19 years with the school. I have seen many changes during this time and I believe the school is the best it has ever been with a committed staff who are focused on providing the best possible opportunities for the children.

I value the opportunity to be able to contribute to this not only in my role as class teacher and Subject Leader for Maths, but now through the role of Governor too. Outside of teaching I have two children. My daughter recently left South Bersted to join my son at The Regis School, who also attended South Bersted School. I am also married to Ron Robson, the Chair. Around the busy lives of the children we try to spend time together as a family enjoying a range of outdoor activities.



Ian Harvey – Parent Governor

My name is Ian Harvey and I became a Parent Governor in July 2016 as I wanted to have input into my son's education and have a voice in the way our school is run. My son is currently in Year 5 and is very happy at South Bersted School. I am the Governor link to Year 2 and I also liaise with the Subject Leaders for History, Geography, DT, Art and Drama. I am also the Vice Chair.

South Bersted School is a school to be proud of and I believe I am privileged to have this opportunity to be a part of the Governing Body. Away from the school, I work as a Training and Quality Specialist for a local Contact Centre. I enjoy watching many different sports, in particular the many ups and downs experienced as a fan of West Ham United FC!



Stephanie Colbourne – Parent Governor

My name is Stephanie and I became a parent governor in 2017. I work for West Sussex Children's Services, predominately working with children who are looked after and adopted. I also have experience of working within child protection procedures and working in partnership with a number of other agencies including schools. I hope the skills and knowledge from my professional life will benefit the school's governing body.

As a parent governor I am committed to supporting South Bersted School to provide the best learning environment for all children, regardless of their ability and background. My son is currently in Year 6 and loves coming to school. Outside of school and work we enjoy spending time together exploring new places, building Lego and train spotting!



John Hayes – Co-opted Governor

I was appointed as a Co-opted Governor in January 2018 and I feel very honoured to become a governor of this school. Although I have never been a teacher I have been a governor of a number of educational institutions from primary and secondary schools to universities. A lawyer by training, I acted for a number of local authorities in childcare and education cases before becoming chief executive of a county council and later occupied the same role for a professional body. More recently I have chaired bodies concerned with the regulation and management of workplace pensions as well as the discipline of actuaries and public sector accountants

I welcome the opportunity to support a school dedicated to the success of its pupils not only in the academic sphere but in their pursuit of realising their full potential in every sphere. Personally I enjoy almost all sports, knowing how much participation in them can boost the confidence of the young well beyond a particular game. The opportunity at school to be exposed to other cultures is a goal I applaud because it helps ingrain tolerance without undermining the school's Christian values and ethos. In the last few years my wife and I have lived in West Sussex and the Isle of Wight. We have 6 grandchildren. Their enjoyment of sport, music and drama brings us great pleasure so I look forward to observing these activities during my visits into school.



Mel Davis - Clerk to the Governors

I am contactable via the school office (Monday – Friday, 9.00-2.45pm). Alternatively, you can contact me via email (clerk@southbersted.co.uk), for any queries relating to the Governing Body