

Chris Hammond, Chair of the Local Governing Body

Our Chair of the Local Governing Body is Chris Hammond. Chris was born and grew up locally in Tunbridge Wells. His career in Investment Banking spanned 35 years, working for three global banks. Chris is now retired but has business interests in hospitality, catering, classic car restoration and a green energy reforestation company. He is an active supporter and board member for a charity that supports children and young adults with speech, language and communication needs, and feels very passionate about helping all young people diagnosed with a neurodiverse condition.



Chris is a keen sports fan, plays five-a-side football weekly, but also loves pretty much any other team sport. He has three grandchildren and plays a very active role in their lives, especially their path in education.

He became a governor of Bishop Chavasse earlier this year and is now excited to become Chair, saying: "it's a wonderful opportunity to be part of a growing school – I'm looking forward to working with Mrs Hood and all the staff at Bishop Chavasse to build a long and lasting relationship that will enable all pupils to prosper".

Kelly Kyte, Staff Governor

Mrs Kyte has been working at the school since September 2022 as an Outdoor Learning and Forest School teacher. Kelly has been working in education for nearly 20 years: teaching music, RE and now Outdoor Learning.



At home Kelly has a husband and two young girls aged 8 and 3 who all love Strictly Come Dancing. Her friends know her as 'the tree geek' due to her love of trees and the outdoors. Kelly also works for her local church as a children's and families worker. When she isn't working, Kelly loves reading, taking part in charity walks and going to see musicals.

Emma Spencer, Parent Governor

Emma started her Governor journey at Bishop Chavasse advising on a new parent communication plan and reviewing the school website. She has since been allocated the Pupil Premium role to oversee and is looking forward to helping the development of this programme. Emma has worked within the Price Comparison financial services sector for over 10 years and enjoyed her time as a Trustee for Friends of Bishop Chavasse Association as Deputy Chair for over two years. At home, Emma has a busy family life with her husband and four children, two of whom attend Bishop Chavasse, with three year old twins to follow in a few years' time. Emma is usually busy juggling a full time job and four children but enjoys retail therapy and spending time with friends. Emma loves being part of the school community and helping out to enhance the children's learning experience at Bishop Chavasse.



Robin Ackroyd, Parent Governor



For nearly two years Mr Ackroyd has been a Parent Governor and for most of that time has been responsible for overseeing SEND provision at the school. He has always worked in the financial sector and is currently involved in the regular reporting of financial numbers for a UK insurance company.

At home he has a busy family life with his wife and twin boys, who are in year 5. They enjoy visiting the seaside and going for family walks. Robin has a keen interest in travelling and sports (mostly watching these days), and has recently started to take the boys to see Tonbridge Angels football team play.

He has enjoyed seeing the progress that Bishop Chavasse has made since the days of temporary classrooms on the carpark, and is keen that everyone is given an opportunity to fulfil their potential at the school.

Ant Horner, Safeguarding Governor

Ant started his Governor journey at Bishop Chavasse overseeing the school improvement plan and quality of education. He has since been the designated Safeguarding Governor for almost two years, having previously been a Parent Governor. Complementing this work, Ant has worked within education for many years as an IT Manager. At home, Ant has a busy family life with his wife and two children, who attend Bishop Chavasse. Ant has a keen interest in gadgets and cars, and enjoys going on bike rides with his children. He really doesn't enjoy DIY, but is usually happy with the end result! Ant really enjoys being part of the school community and all that this entails. He is looking forward to seeing the school continue to flourish.



Wendy Carr, Governor

Before being called to ordained ministry, Wendy worked for 26 years in childcare, and was involved with Christian schools' work, sharing the good news of Jesus with young people and also taking prayer spaces into schools. Wendy and her husband have two children, now grown up – one is at university and the other works as a tennis coach. The family have lived in Tonbridge for six years. Wendy started as a curate at St Peter & St Paul church, and was appointed Associate Vicar in 2020.



Wendy was at the opening of Bishop Chavasse School by Bishop James back in 2017, and is now excited to see how her new role as governor is going to develop in the coming months as she gets to know the other governors and staff. In her spare time Wendy likes to run with Monty the dog, visit the beach, cook (because she loves food!) and a bit of knitting. **Monty** is 6 years old and he loves food too, especially carrots and cheese. He has three favourite pastimes: eating, running and having his tummy rubbed!

Mrs Hood, ex-officio* Governor

“I was born and grew up in North London with my parents and sister. After leaving school I spent a year completing an outdoor survival course in Norway, where I then went back to live for three years after I graduated from University. I came back to London to complete my teacher training, spent four years teaching in Inner City London and then moved to Zurich, Switzerland for three years with my young family. I moved to Tunbridge Wells almost 16 years ago where I have raised my four children. My two eldest children are at university now and my two teenagers attend local secondary schools. When I am not thinking about lots of creative and wonderful things we can do here at Bishop Chavasse, I can be found walking in the great outdoors, cold water swimming or curled up with a good book. My perfect weekend would involve all three, while staying in a tiny remote hut somewhere in the countryside or mountains with a log fire and lots of snow.



“I knew I wanted to be a Headteacher at the young age of 6 years old and feel incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to fulfil my dreams at Bishop Chavasse. I am passionate about education, finding the most inspiring ways to motivate children to learn and educating the whole child and ensuring every child thrives and flourishes in the schools I work in. As a mum and teacher, I recognise the huge impact a positive, happy and vibrant primary school education, filled with trips, workshops, exciting learning and loyal friendships, can have on children as they grow up. My professional mentor in life was my own Year 6 teacher who has been one of the single most important sources of inspiration to my practice and I am indebted to her for the lessons she has taught me. I want your children to be as inspired by the team here so that they can look back on their primary school education and say ‘those were amazingly wonderful years, bursting with unforgettable memories’.”

* The term ex-officio is Latin, meaning literally 'from the office'. An ex-officio member is a member of a body who is part of it by virtue of holding another office.