

Worlingham CEVC Primary School
OUR GOVERNORS



Matthew Bodmer

Local Authority Governor

I have been a school Governor at Worlingham since 2013. During my period as Governor the school has achieved an 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating and 'Excellent' SIAMS inspection. I am extremely proud to be involved in the school and really feel part of the team at Worlingham that strives to provide the best environment for children to learn and develop. My daughter attended the school and I have seen first-hand the high quality of support and education that the team at Worlingham provides. I am Chair of the Finance and the Health and Safety Committees. I work in the public service and out of work I enjoy trying to keep fit, listening to music and clay shooting. I encourage anyone to get involved in the School Governing Body, it is very rewarding to see the children and staff develop, and it's an opportunity to do voluntary service. Contact email mbodmer@wcevcps.org.

Mr Peter Hobbs

Foundation Governor (Co. Chair of Governors)

It is currently my privilege to serve as Co-chair of Governors having been a member of the Governing Body since 2016.

I have lived in Worlingham for over 30 years and I am an active member of the Parish of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cover and Barnby. I am keen to assist links between the school, church and community and to contribute to the Christian ethos of the school which enables the spiritual and personal development of the children.

In my previous professional work as a pharmacist I managed teams and budgets and I apply this experience to school governance. I have also worked as a volunteer life coach for a charity working with disadvantaged young people. This has given me an understanding of the issues of vulnerable groups within schools and the importance of aspiring to the best outcomes for all pupils. I visit the school regularly to meet with the Headteacher, teaching staff and children. I am also a member of the Open the Book Team which regularly visits school to tell Bible stories in an interesting and engaging way.

It gives me great pleasure to be associated with the school.

Mr Ben Axon

Co-opted Governor

I have been a governor at Worlingham CEVC Primary School for over 7 years now and it continues to be a pleasure to serve the school and its community. I am fortunate to be able to bring lots of experience to my governor role as I am a headteacher of a local primary school. We have 3 daughters who attend Worlingham Primary and it's been helpful to view this role from a parental perspective too.

Every child is individual and unique and my continual drive is to ensure that all children have access to an inclusive and inspiring education enabling them to be the best they can possibly be.

Revd. Philip Cudmore

Foundation Governor

I have lived in Worlingham for nearly 30 years and as a local auxiliary Church of England minister have been involved with the parish church for just over 20 years. I have been visiting the school

regularly as part of the Open the Book team from Worlingham church and have only recently been appointed as a foundation governor. I am pleased to have this opportunity to support the school and its children in their educational and spiritual development as well as with their community links.

Barry Darch

Foundation Governor

I have spent my life in education, including as a headteacher, education management tutor and university tutor for Early Years and primary courses. I qualified as an Ofsted inspector (primary). I have been a governor of several schools and chaired the Interim Executive Board of a school in Special Measures, helping to bring the school out of that category.

My three children were educated in local state schools; and I now have two grandchildren in high and primary schools in Beccles.

I am an active member of the parish of Beccles, Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby; and I was appointed a Foundation Governor by the Parish Church Council. As a Foundation Governor I have a particular interest in how the school develops its Christian ethos.

I am a relatively new governor at the school but have already been impressed by how the whole school community works together for the children's benefit.

Mrs Steph Holbrough

Parent Governor (Co. Chair of Governors)

I am a Mum of two children at the school and have been a parent governor since September 2019. I hope to bring some of my professional experience to my governor role; I am an accountant specialising in the Charity, Education and Not for Profit sector and am a member of the Finance Committee. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, walking with my dog and growing fruit and vegetables on our allotment.

Mr Martyn Fitt

Parent Governor

My name is Martyn Fitt and I have been a Parent Governor since 2021. I live locally in Beccles and have a daughter in Year 3. I have worked in the NHS for 13 years occupying roles both operationally and strategically. I specialise in governance, compliance and audit – and am keen to assist and support the school in every way possible in this area and more. I am passionate about our communities and want every child to have the best education and start in their lives possible.

Mr Neil Miller

Parent Governor

I am a parent governor and have lived in Worlingham for 12 years. I work for a FTSE 100 company with 20 years' experience in management roles and have 2 children at Worlingham Primary. In my spare time I enjoy sports, walking, swimming and holidays with my family.

Mrs Jillian Sutton

Co-opted Governor

I have lived in Beccles for five years, having previously lived in Barnby. My professional background is in social work, specialising in child protection/safeguarding for most of it. I have worked in several local authorities, including Suffolk and more latterly was an independent consultant undertaking risk assessments of children in difficult circumstances for the Courts. I was the chair and panel member of an independent fostering agency for some eight years and remain a member of a group of independent persons investigating complaints against the local authority. I have much-loved grandchildren, a grandson in year 7 and his two sisters, the oldest of whom is in year 2. My interests are primarily in children's social as well as their educational development and emotional wellbeing and believe that school is crucial and integral to children's development. I am new to this role and look forward to meeting and getting to know the staff at the school and my fellow Governors.