

Riseley Primary School. Governor Profiles

Loreen Shelford (Chair) - Foundation (Aptd by the DBE)

I was appointed Chair of Governors for the new academic year 2025, and what an honour it is to support the staff and children of Riseley Primary School. I

have two grown children who followed through Bedford Borough Education transitions. As a teacher, I have seen these transitions as both a parent and as an educator which has seen conflict in both my personal and professional life. I

hope I bring these experiences to ensure fair, sympathetic, holistic and informative contributions. I lived in Riseley for almost 11 and a half years and have recently relocated due to my job, but I am still committed to this school and will do all I can to support the staff, the children, and parents so that all can 'flourish fully in life and learning'.



James Isaacs. (Vice Chair) – ex-officio Governor

I have been the Rector of All Saints Church, Riseley since September 2018 and am delighted to be able to serve on the governing body of Riseley Primary School. I believe the school has all the ingredients to be an excellent village primary school and am glad to have the opportunity to help ensure that it fulfils its potential. I currently have two children at the school, and I am really pleased that they can have the opportunity to learn, grow and flourish over the coming years in the warm and nurturing community that the school provides.



Graham Cole. Local Authority Governor.

I have been a Governor of Riseley Primary School since 2017 and before that I was a Governor of Riseley Lower School (since 1998). I was appointed to the Governing Board as the Local Authority Governor. I am a governor of another primary school in Bedford. I was involved in child protection legal work for most of my working life and as a governor, I have focused on safeguarding and special needs. I am very committed to improving educational provision and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



Jamie Wyatt. Foundation Governor (Aptd by the PCC)

I joined the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor but also have personal interests in the school as a parent. I hope to contribute to the school's progression through drawing on my experience in education across Middle, Secondary and Special Needs education. I am a strong advocate for holistic education and believe the school day has so many opportunities to develop important 'soft skills' alongside academic achievement.



Aiden Coatsworth. Parent Governor

I am a Chartered Accountant with over 15 years' experience in finance, including more than 5 years working across the Education Sector within a Multi-Academy Trust, School Improvement Partner and the final assessment centre for the DfE's National Professional Qualifications for teachers. As a local resident and parent of two children at the school, I joined the Board of Governors to use my skills to support the long-term vision of Riseley and help to ensure that all our children have the opportunity to flourish.



Lynne Wallis – Foundation (Aptd by the DBE)

I joined the Governing Body of Riseley Primary School in 2024 having previously served on the board of Riseley Church of England Lower School twenty or so years ago, when my three children were going through. I saw then, and believe now, that our children are fortunate to grow up in a rural community and in a village school, particularly one which is informed by Christian values and ethics. In my working life I am a Cancer Specialist Nurse and as a governor my particular interest is in behaviour and in supporting the staff in setting the values and ethos of a school in which each child is encouraged and supported in reaching their potential.



Martyn Wady. Foundation (Aptd by the PCC)

As a Christian and a socialist I believe schools are an important corner stone of our local society, and as such Riseley Primary School has a crucial role in shaping our children and setting the moral tone for our village. As an experienced youth leader and staunch advocate of community cohesion, I have joined the Board of Governors to share my local knowledge and expertise to confront the unfair challenges imposed on schools by local and national governments, to help our school to meet its education and well-being objectives and to form ever-closer ties with the village community.



Samantha Toseland. Foundation Governor. (Aptd by the PCC)

I have been on the governing board since my son was born and he has been a part of the school for 6 years. I work for All Saints Riseley and am keen to support the school in its Christian vision of flourishing children, staff, and beyond in the community of Riseley. I am especially interested in the Early Years of the school and help with a few interventions and reading support. I am also pleased to be involved in the Church collective Worship, a Christian support lunch club and occasional R.E lesson.



Tony Moliterno. Parent governor

My children currently attend Riseley Primary. Being part of the school community as a governor and a parent, gives me a real appreciation of the environment, values, and opportunities the school provides every day. Our aim is to support both staff and pupils so that every child can flourish—not only in their learning, but in their confidence, wellbeing, and development as individuals.

I have a particular interest in the financial side of governance, and I'm keen to help support sustainability so that the school can offer the best opportunities to its pupils. Alongside this, I'm keen to build stronger links between the school and the local community and am passionate about our EY School provision. I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to a school that means so much to my family and the wider community.

