

OAKWOOD SCHOOL, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Richard Geffen is Oakwood's Chair of Governors, elected by the Board of Governors to this role effective from April 2019 having previously been Vice Chair. He is also a member of Finance and General Purposes Committee and is the link Governor for Years 5 and 6. Richard was elected as a Governor in 2015. He retired as Head of Claysmore Prep School in Dorset in 2014. He spent 17 years teaching at Chichester High School for Boys and then became Deputy Head at Westbourne House School. Richard is also Chair of Goodwood Cricket and Groundsman at the cricket club.

Jo Baily is Oakwood's most recently elected Governor, joining the Board in February 2022 and also joining Finance and General Purposes Committee. Jo is School Business Manager at St. Anthony's School in Chichester and previously worked as Global Operations Director for John Wiley and Sons, Publishers. Jo's two sons both attended Oakwood, most recently until 2021.

Shirley Barnes was elected as a Governor in 2016 and is the link Governor for Years 1 and 2. Shirley is the Governor responsible for Safeguarding and sits on Education and Safeguarding Committee. She previously sat on Oakwood's Marketing Committee. Shirley is a director of Dinamiks, a Chichester-based company which specialises in performance management solutions. She also carries out charitable work.

Naomi Bartholomew was elected as a Governor as of September 2020. Naomi has joined the Education and Safeguarding Committee and is the Governor responsible for Early Years. Naomi is Headmistress of St.Catherine's Preparatory School, Bramley, Surrey. She is also an independent school (ISI) team inspector and acts as a mentor to newly appointed Headteachers for the Girls Schools Association (GSA).

Kathy Bourne joined the Board in December 2020 and she also joins Finance and General Purposes Committee. Kathy is the Executive Director of Chichester Festival Theatre and has extensive experience in the theatre industry. Kathy's daughters attended Oakwood as pupils, most recently until 2019.

Derek Bowerman has been a Governor at Oakwood since 2013 and is Chair of Buildings and Grounds Committee. He is the link Governor for Year 3. Derek is a consultant with Stride and Son, Chartered Surveyors, Estate Agents, Auctioneers and Valuers. He specialises in professional surveying services for the residential, commercial and agricultural sectors.

Lynda Butt was elected as a new Governor in March 2018 and joined Education and Safeguarding Committee, also as Governor responsible for SEND. She is the link Governor for Year 4. Lynda has worked in the SEND field for over 30 years. She has been a Headteacher of two special schools, a Special Needs adviser for Hampshire and Special Needs Officer for West Sussex.

Richard Pailthorpe joined the Board of Governors in 2017 and is a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Richard is an old boy of Oakwood. He is a Director of the Weald and Downland Living Museum and has previously worked for the Goodwood Estate, Parham House and Syon House in London. Richard is also a Tour Director for ACE Cultural Tours, and he has a particular interest in historic houses.

Steve Parvin was elected as a Governor in 2016 and is a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and was appointed as Chair of this committee from April 2019. His son attended Oakwood as a pupil until 2015. Steve is Head of Motor Sanctioning, Business Banking Credit Risk, Lloyds Banking Group, and has worked for Lloyds Bank for over 30 years.

Jane Prescott joined the Board of Governors in December 2018 and was appointed as Chair of the Education and Safeguarding Committee from April 2019. Jane has been Headmistress of Portsmouth High School since 2011, part of the Girls Day School Trust. She is also an independent school inspector (ISI) and a trustee of the Education Business Partnership for Hampshire. Jane became President of the Girls' School Association in 2020.

Adam Waterworth was elected as a new Governor in July 2018 and joined the Finance and General Purposes Committee. He also acts as the Vice Chair of Governors. Adam is the Sport Managing Director at Goodwood with a career background in racecourse management. Adam's son and daughter both attended Oakwood in recent years as pupils, leaving in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

All Oakwood School Governors also act as Trustees and Directors of Oakwood School, a charitable company.

Curriculum and Standards Committee was renamed as Education and Safeguarding Committee in December 2020.

Correct as at February 2022.