

## Southcote Primary School Governors



**Revd Pads Dolphin** – Chair of Resources Committee and RE/Music Link Governor. I am the Vicar of St Matthew's, our local parish church just a short walk from the school. Southcote Primary enjoys a close partnership with the church which provides the school with space for whole-school assemblies, special services and events throughout the year, and delivers a portion of the school's RE curriculum through *RE- Inspired* classes to all year groups. I am married to Kirstie and we are both passionate about the church and school's involvement in the local community. When I'm not on church business, I enjoy dog-walking, playing guitar, singing, and when I get a chance, sailing boats.



**Dr Richard Duckett** – Co-Chair of Governing Body, SEND Link Governor. Premise & Welfare Committee. I am a parent governor. Originally from Eastbourne, I moved to Reading to study in 2000 - and never left! I have been a full time lecturer at Reading College since 2004, where I teach History and Government & Politics. Resigned July 2016.



**Adam Nuckley** – Link Governor for Data and Pupil Premium. I am a co-opted governor, a dad of two boys and live locally. Although born and raised in Buckinghamshire, I consider Reading my home town having lived here since 2003. I work in Human Resources and specialize in the review and analysis of information and processes in order to find hidden insights and improve the efficiency of the companies I work with.



**Malcolm Thorne** – Health & Safety Link Governor. I am a parent governor. Originally from Bristol, I moved to Reading a few years ago due to family commitments and currently work as a Transport Manager. I'm a single parent and in my spare time, like spending time with my daughter, going on holidays, and supporting Manchester United.



**Bridget Fulton** – Pupil Premium Link Governor, Premises and Welfare Committee. I moved to Reading with my husband 11 years ago when I was working as a doctor at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. After our eldest was born I chose to take a career break to be at home with the children. I'm now a mum of three, all at Southcote Primary school. Through my children and involvement at St Matthews Church, with the kids church and holiday club, I know quite a large number of the children at the school. My other roles include Community First Responder and more recently puppy socialiser for the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People charity. Aside from family life my other loves are sport (playing touch rugby), the sea, mountains and generally being outdoors.  
Resigned January 2017.



**Colette Hodges** - I am an Associate on the Governing Body. I joined Southcote Primary in 1995 as an NQT and have worked in Year 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. I have been a team leader, led Literacy, been a leading Literacy teacher and am now SENCO and Deputy Head. I have seen Southcote through lots of changes and see the school and its staff members as my extended family, hence the reason I have stayed so long! I am committed to supporting Southcote and its ethos and thoroughly enjoy being part of a Governing Body that can continue to soar to success.



**David Taylor** – Co-opted governor, Vice-Chair of the Governing Body. I have three children, all of whom were schooled at Southcote Primary. Wishing to give something back, I joined the Board of Governors some eleven years ago as a parent governor. I have given continued service since then in a variety of roles. I have great affection for the school and its staff. My children were taught and looked after with great care, passion and attention; I have observed these qualities being continued in the intervening years and am keen for them to remain. I consider it a great privilege to help in some way with the education of children in Southcote.  
Resigned November 2016.



**Helen Bligh** – Literacy and EYFS Link Governor, Resources committee and Vice Chair to the Full Governing Body. I have lived in the local area for over 10 years, and have two daughters at Southcote Primary, one in the Infants and one in Juniors. I work in marketing at a successful local independent school, which has recently been named Independent School of the Year. I'm passionate about providing an excellent education for our local children, and am proud to work alongside such an inspirational team of teachers and leaders at Southcote Primary.



**Laura Reid** – Finance Committee and EYFS Link Governor. Parent Governor. I have lived in Reading for 12 years and I am a European Marketing Manager in the Cyber Security industry. I enjoy cooking and play netball in my spare time. I'm mostly kept busy with my two children, one of whom attends Southcote Primary school, which is a wonderful school. I'm honoured to have the opportunity to make a contribution as a parent governor on the finance committee. Resigned October 2017.



**Sue N'jai** – I am an Associate Governor at Southcote and have been since I joined the school in September 2013. I was a parent of Southcote first and my son still attends – we somehow manage to remember when we are mother and son or teacher and pupil! When I first started at Southcote my role was Head of Teaching and Learning however I have been Head of School since September 2015. I am incredibly proud to be part of the Southcote team.



**Will Vanstone** – Theme and Science Link Governor. I'm a Parent Governor. I live in Southcote with my family including Lucie and Sam who are both attending Southcote Primary School. I have worked in IT and telecommunications during my career. I enjoy cycling, days out, and foreign travel with the family.



**Colin Harbidge** – Safeguarding Link Governor, Resources committee. I am a co-opted governor at Southcote. After moving to Reading in 2013 my wife Jo (a secondary school teacher) and I quickly became involved in the life of St. Matthew's Church in Southcote where I'm Secretary to the PCC (Church Council). I've spent my professional life working in the charity sector and I'm currently the Head of Operations & Chief of Staff for the Diocese of Winchester. My role is focused in the areas of governance, strategy, HR, and Safeguarding as well as providing support and advice to the 265 parishes that make up the Diocese. I was delighted to be co-opted onto the Governing Body in January 2015 and see it as a real privilege to be involved in the life and work of the school at such an exciting time.



**Debs Edwards** – Resources committee and Chair of the Governing Body. Local Authority Governor. I have been a governor at Southcote Primary School since the 1990s and my daughter was a pupil at the school. I am a Southcote Councillor and Chair of SITE (Southcote IT Experience), a community adult education project offering IT, Maths, English, and Tai Chi courses to Southcote and beyond. I am also a member of the Southcote Community Association. As a community activist and a strong supporter of Reading's schools, I fervently believe that our children are our future and we must give them the best aspirational education so they can have successful and happy lives. I hope my skills and experience helps the school, parents and the children to achieve this. I love Southcote, it's community and our school, so onwards and upwards to make all ambitions come true.



**Arno Theron** – Resources committee and the Math Link Governor I am a co-opted governor at Southcote Primary. I have been living in Reading since 2005, and moved to Southcote in 2008 making it my home. Jenny and I have a beautiful daughter Emma and a son called William. We enjoy walking Manny, our Parsons Jack Russell. I like keeping fit and train in the Japanese martial art called Aikido in a local Dojo in Reading. Many years working with technology in different industries, and teaching Microsoft courses in further education enables me to support the governing body in different ways. I have strong empathy, which will hopefully allow me to look at problems and opportunities for the school from different angles. I hope my skills and experience will help Southcote Primary to continue excelling.