

# The John Hampden and Tetsworth Schools' Federation Governors

## Rachel Caseby Co-Chair of Governors

Governor Type: Co-opted  
Term of Office Ends: 26 March 2027  
Other roles: Early Years lead governor



Rachel has been a governor since 2002 in a range of schools across Oxfordshire and she is driven by the wish to ensure that every child has a great start to their education.

Rachel completed her teaching qualification at Cambridge in 1989 and has worked at all levels of school leadership since then, including as a headteacher of a local school.

Realising the importance of school governance for championing children's outcomes, Rachel began providing governor training for the local authority while still a head and is now a governance consultant working with the local authority, advising boards, undertaking governance reviews and action planning, developing training and working with struggling schools to ensure improvement and positive outcomes for all children.

Rachel lives in Thame with her husband and has two grown up children who both attended local schools and really benefited from the opportunities these provided. She really enjoys walking in the Chilterns, jogging to keep fit and baking whenever there is a moment free.

## Natalie Henderson Co-Chair of Governors

Governor Type: Co-opted  
Governor Term of Office Ends: 02 October 2026



Natalie has a background in airport operations, energy management for local authorities and schools and sustainable transport, holding roles such as terminal manager, customer service manager and her current position as talent acquisition co-ordinator. She has qualifications in mental health and health & safety and is currently studying towards a project management qualification.

With a keen interest in children's wellbeing and education, and an insight into the challenges schools face through her work, Natalie wanted to commit to supporting the local schools as a Governor.

Outside of work, Natalie and her husband will often be found walking in the Oxfordshire countryside with their 5 year old daughter, 2 teenagers and 6 month old puppy, Gibson.

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## Beverley Fulton- Vice-Chair of Governors

Governor Type: Co-Opted

Term of Office Ends: 23 September 2024

Other Roles: Finance, Staffing and Premises lead governor, Pay Committee member and Chair of the Headteacher Appraisal subgroup.

Beverley until recently was a Senior Lecturer at Oxford Brookes Business School specialising in development leadership, entrepreneurial and employability skills and conducts academic research into educational practice and student experience.

Prior to moving to Oxfordshire, Beverley lived and worked in London and held senior strategic marketing, communications and events management roles across charity, central government and private sectors.

As a parent of three Tetsworth Primary School pupils (one has now left but two still remain), Beverley has been part of the school community since 2014 and is keen to use her skills and experience to support our Federated Schools to they can continue to adapt and evolve to overcome emerging challenges while building on achievements to enable and empower our children to achieve their potential.

## Paul Hankey- Executive Headteacher

Governor Type: *Ex officio*

Governor Term of Office Ends: when the executive headteacher leaves the school



## Anna Bowden- Head of School

Governor Type: Co-opted

Governor Term of Office Ends: 11 September 2026



Anna is the Head of School at Tetsworth Primary School and has been working at the school since September 2022.

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Anna has worked in education for 20 years, from nursery through to Key Stage 2, in a variety of different roles, starting as a teaching assistant before completing her teacher training certification and starting her teaching career in a large primary school in Buckinghamshire.

Anna is passionate about offering all of our children the very best during their time in school, particularly concentrating on wellbeing and mental health.

Anna lives in Haddenham with her husband, two young daughters and her dog, Misha.

### **Luke Hanratty**

Governor Type – Parent Governor

Term of office ends: 24 June 2026

Roles: Health & Safety lead governor, Whistleblowing lead governor and Pay Committee member



Luke joined the governing board in 2022 as a parent governor.

Born near Bristol, Luke came to Oxford for University, met his wife there and has remained in the area ever since. Having originally studied for a PhD in particle physics, Luke took a career change on graduation and decided to sign up for more exams as an accountant.

As a parent governor, with children in the early years at Tetsworth, Luke is keen to ensure both schools build on their strengths over the coming years. He uses his expertise as a financial auditor to ensure budgets are robust and capable of supporting the schools' development plans.

Outside of work, Luke is a keen amateur dramatist, and can often be seen at The Players Theatre in Thame, particularly around pantomime season.

### **Laura Craig- Deputy Headteacher**

Governor Type: Staff Governor

Term of Office Ends: 12 July 2025



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Laura is the Deputy Headteacher at John Hampden School and on the School Leadership Team for The John Hampden and Tetsworth Federation. She has worked at the school since 2002 and has taught in Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6.

Laura is passionate about working in and serving her local community and she leads the school in many events including carnivals, music festivals and concerts. She strives to create positive and memorable learning experiences for all children and her roles within the school enable her to constantly look for new ways to inspire pupils and teachers to facilitate a lifelong love of learning. Laura lives in Thame with her husband and two children. She loves reading, singing, caravanning and crochet!

### **Sian Stratton**

Governor Type: Co-opted  
Term of Office Ends: 22 May 2024  
Role: Health and Wellbeing lead governor



Sian grew up in South Wales, before moving to Oxford to complete her teacher training, where she has lived in Thame since. Sian now works in informal STEM education with local schools to access training and support. Out of work Sian enjoys spending time with her family and friends and is passionate about supporting the local church.

Sian wanted to become a governor to ensure that we are offering children and families the best experience during their time at the school.

### **Sarah Bradford**

Governor Type: Co-opted  
Governor Term of Office Ends: 27 March 2026



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## Rosy Bowling

Governor Type: Co-opted

Governor Term of Office Ends: 26 March 2027

Role: Inclusion lead governor (including children with special educational needs and disabilities and those who qualify for pupil premium)

Rosy studied for an undergraduate degree in theology before undertaking a law conversion course and qualifying as a solicitor in 2008. She specialised in prison law before having children. Rosy stopped practising law whilst her children were pre-schoolers but is hoping to return to law in the near future.

Rosy has three children at John Hampden. She was happy to be co-opted as a governor as her work with prisoners highlighted the relationship between education and life chances. For the last couple of years Rosy has been the Inclusion Governor for the Federation helping to ensure equity of education for all our children.

## Dan Hayes

Governor Type: Parent Governor

Governor Term of Office Ends: 27 September 2026

Role: Safeguarding lead governor and Pay Committee member



Dan comes originally from Lincolnshire but has lived in Thame since 2009.

His professional background is in HR, and almost all of his career has been spent in organisations concerned with the delivery of care. After time in the NHS, Dan has worked in social care for 20 years, and is currently the Chief Executive of OSJCT, a Not-For-Profit national provider of care for older people.

Dan became a governor because he observed the levels of commitment and hard work from the team, and wanted to do something to support them where he can.

Most recently, Dan has become the lead governor for safeguarding.

When not at work he can be found transporting his kids to football, cricket, karate etc etc, and riding his bike.

*There is currently a vacancy for a Local Authority governor.*