

Amanda McGarvey	Headteacher Governor	
I am the headteacher governor at Medina Primary School. I have been in this role since September 2024, and I am excited to continue working with the school community to support the education and development of our pupils. With 20 years of teaching experience. I bring a wealth of professional knowledge and expertise to my role as a governor. I have worked in a variety of educational settings. This experience has given me a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that schools face, and I am committed to using this knowledge to make a positive impact at Medina Primary. As the headteacher governor, I am responsible for providing strategic leadership and oversight to the school. I work closely with the governing body, the school leadership team, and other stakeholders to ensure that Medina Primary continues to thrive and meet the needs of our pupils. I am committed to fostering a positive and inclusive school environment, where all members of the community feel valued and supported. On a personal note, I am a proud parent of four children, and I understand firsthand the importance of a strong, supportive school community. I am passionate about education and believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. I am honoured to be a part of the Medina Primary School community, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to the school's success in the years to come.		
Kelly Nash	Co-opted Governor	Chair of Governors
I am a parent of two teenage sons who are at school and college in the city. I work for a local authority in corporate strategy, looking after a range of different project and work areas. I have been a governor at a number of schools in the city, and currently chair the governing bodies for two schools. I am really proud to be part of the education world in Portsmouth and to play a part in helping schools to enable children to reach their full potential and be ready for their lives ahead.		
Sue West-Thomas	Co-opted Governor	
I have been a governor at Medina since 1993. Over the years the roles I have undertaken as part of my governor duties have included; Chair of Governors, Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Finance, and Literacy Governor. I also served on the Portsmouth Children's Safeguarding Board and have been a governor at a local secondary school. All of my children attended Medina and left with the skills, knowledge and aspirations to achieve success at secondary school and beyond. I still live in the local area and appreciate the part that Medina plays in the community.		
Paula Aitken	Staff Governor	
I have been employed at Medina Primary School for more than 16 years and have (for the most part) enjoyed every minute of it. I am based in the School Office and my role is all that comes under the 'school admin' umbrella – from administering medication to managing the budget (and everything in between). Having worked at Medina for such a long time I have good knowledge of our staff, the school's processes and the community we serve. I have two sons – one of which, having spent time volunteering at Medina, is now a primary school teacher in the city.		
Marie Stuart	Local Authority Governor	
I have been teaching primary education for 6 years now and have recently completed my SENCO accreditation. This experience and knowledge allows me to provide good communication skills, knowledge of schools and their systems and a strong understanding of child development. Working with children and enhancing learning opportunities is a passion of mine. On my first visit to Medina, it was evident that the needs of the child is paramount and the school provides a welcoming environment. As a governor, I aim to work collaboratively with the Medina community in any way I can, to continue to develop children's education and support the schools hard work.		
Claire Wenden	Parent Governor	
I am a parent to three children, 27, 20 and 6 years old so I have been doing school runs now for 23 years! I have been a volunteer in a Portsmouth primary school and was also Scout leader for 10 years in Paulsgrove and Wymering. I have always fought for children and families to gain the best experiences possible and believe that wonderful childhood memories make a strong healthy adult.		

Charlotte Smith	Co-opted Governor	
Having parents who were headteachers in local schools, I listened to a lot of education chat over the dinner table growing up, and I've now had children of my own who were educated at schools in the city. As a result, I've always been interested in the difference education can make to people's lives, and being a governor feels like a good way to be involved. It also enables me to use the skills and experience I have developed through my career, including as a former journalist and marketing and communications professional, and now as assistant director of Corporate Services at Portsmouth City Council where I am responsible for communications and customer services. As a governor, I hope I can add value to the school and community.		
Anwar Hossain	Parent Governor	
Sian Hosmer	Co-opted Governor	