

Governors

The governing body plays an important strategic role by giving direction and focus on the governance of the school.

Their role is to govern rather than manage. This includes

- Promoting high standards of education

- Planning the school's long-term future

- Overseeing the school's aims, values and ethos

- Ensuring proper financial management of the school

- Appointing staff, including the headteacher

- Communicating openly with parents, the local community and the local education authority

- Supporting the school

The full governing body meets at least twice a term and has a number of committees who discuss issues in greater detail and report back to the main meetings. There are four committees covering Finance & Premises, Teaching & Learning, Pay & Personnel and Ethos. There is also a Monitoring Group and a Holiday Request panel who meet when the need arises.

The governing body of Warnham School is made up of 12 governors:

- 4 Co-opted governors – appointed by the governing body after considering the skills and experience they can bring to the role

- 3 Foundation Governors – appointed by the Diocese

- 1 Local Authority Governor – appointed by the Local Authority

- 2 Parent Governors – elected by parents/carers of pupils at the school

- 1 Staff Governor – elected by the staff of the school

- 1 Headteacher – an ex-officio member by virtue of the post

Details of serving governors

Shirley Kirby is the Headteacher who took up post on 1 January 2018. By virtue of her position she is an ex-officio member of the governing body and attends all the meetings of the main committees.

Rev Jules Barnes is an ex-officio Foundation Governor who is priest in charge of St Margaret's Church. She is chair of the Ethos committee and sits on the Holiday Requests Appeals panel.

Hilary Farquhar is a Co-opted Governor who has served on the governing body since September 2009 as a Community Governor. She is Chair of Governors, a member of the Finance & Premises committee and attends many of the meetings of the other committees. She is chair of the Pay & Personnel committee, is a member of the Monitoring group and the Holiday Requests panel and is a governor representative of the Parents Teachers & Friends Association.

Rachel Hamer is a Foundation Governor who was appointed on 26 July 2017. She serves on the Finance & Premises and Teaching & Learning committees.

Alex Hill is a Foundation Governor who was appointed on 1 September 2017. She serves on the Teaching & Learning and Ethos committees.

Gytha Hodgson has served on the governing body since March 2008 as a Local Authority Governor. She is Vice Chair of Governors and serves on the Finance & Premises, Teaching & Learning, Pay & Personnel and Ethos committees. She is a member of the Monitoring group and the Holiday Requests panel.

Toby Houghton was elected as a Parent Governor on 24 March 2017. He is chair of the Teaching & Learning committee and is a member of the Monitoring group.

Scott House was elected as a Parent Governor on 22 July 2016. He is chair of the Finance & Premises committee and a member of the Pay & Personnel and Ethos committees. He is a member of the Monitoring group.

Carol King is a Co-opted Governor who has served on the governing body since September 2012 as a Local Authority Governor. She is chair of the Pay & Personnel committee and serves on the Teaching & Learning committee. She is a member of the Holiday Request Appeals panel.

Imogen Murphy-Dunn is a Staff Governor who has served on the governing body since February 2017. She is a member of the Ethos committee.

Retirements in 2017/18

Jill Costello was a staff governor (Headteacher) and retired on 31 December 2017

Philippa Weaver was a Co-opted governor. She was appointed on 24 March 2017 and resigned from the post on 31 July 2018.

Listed below are further details about the members of the governing body at Warnham School including appointment information, attendance at meetings and business & pecuniary interests for the academic year 2017/18.

Full Name of Governor	Date of original appointment	Attendance at full GB meetings	Finance & Premises Committee	Teaching & Learning Committee	Pay & Personnel Committee	Ethos Committee	Declarations on Register of Business Interests
SHIRLEY KIRBY <i>Headteacher</i>	01.01.18	4 / 4	3 / 3	4 / 4	3 / 3	2 / 2	None
HILARY FARQUHAR <i>Chair of Governors</i>	01.07.15	4 / 6	3 / 4	5 / 6	3 / 4	3 / 3	None
GYTHA HODGSON <i>Vice chair of governors</i>	14.03.14	6 / 6	4 / 4	3 / 6	3 / 4	0 / 3	None
JULES BARNES	Sep 2016	4 / 6				2 / 3	None
RACHEL HAMER	26.08.17	6 / 6	1 / 1	6 / 6			None
ALEXANDRA HILL	01.09.17	6 / 6		5 / 6			None
TOBY HOUGHTON	24.03.17	5 / 6		5 / 6			None
SCOTT HOUSE	22.07.16	6 / 6	4 / 4		4 / 4	3 / 3	Wife runs an after-school club in Warnham
CAROL KING	01.07.15	3 / 6		5 / 6	3 / 4		None
IMOGEN MURPHY-DUNN	15.02.17	5 / 6				3 / 3	None