

Name: DARREN ABBOTT	
Type of Governor: Co-opted Governor	Governor Since: 05/12/2016
Responsibilities: Co-Chair, Health & Safety, Pupil Premium	Current Term: 25/10/2024 – 24/10/2028
<i>Darren joined the governing body in the autumn of 2016. His youngest son left Year 6 in 2023 and Darren has previous experience as a governor at New Scotland Hill Primary, when his older children attended the school. He feels the school gave his children a great education and start to life and wishes to give his experience and support to the school to deliver a first class education for all. Darren's career background is in Building Control Systems and Energy Management with a specialism in Commercial and General Management. He brings many management skills to the Governing Body, notably procurement, general building services, health and safety HR, management accounts and finance.</i>	
Name: MARY HUGHAN	
Type of Governor: Parent Governor	Governor Since: 22/09/2023
Responsibilities:	Current Term: 22/09/2023 – 21/09/2028
<i>Mary currently has three children at New Scotland Hill, in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4. Her elder two children joined in Year 1 and Year 3, and the fact that their transition was so smooth was a significant reflection of the nurturing environment that the school engenders. Mary has been so impressed by not only the teaching, leadership and pastoral care, but also by the caring community at the core of the school, that she wanted to give something back by becoming a governor. She also felt that, having worked in schools for 22 years herself as a Modern Languages teacher, she had relevant experience to offer. Mary worked at Alleyn's School in London for 20 years and moved to Wellington College in September 2022. She has been a Houseparent for the last 10 years, supporting the pupils to overcome the challenges of a variety of pastoral and safeguarding issues, and hopes to be able to make a valuable contribution to the Governing Board in this specific area, as well as offering a parent's point of view of the discussion points that arise at meetings. She is keen to do all she can to help both the school and the pupils thrive for many years to come.</i>	
Name: CHRIS JACKSON	
Type of Governor: Co-opted Governor	Governor Since: 08/12/2012
Responsibilities: Vice Chair, Safeguarding, Vice Chair of Resources, HTPM panel member	Current Term: 08/12/2024 – 7/12/2028
<i>Chris' daughter and two sons attended New Scotland Hill School. Since his eldest son started New Scotland Hill in 2009, Chris has witnessed the wonderful environment NSH school has provided for his children. He originally became a parent governor after spending a lot of his time helping the school PTA as he felt that NSH would be a significant part of his family life for many years to come as his children grow up. Chris is keen to support the school and the wider community with the skills he has learnt from his working life. Chris worked for a FTSE 250 financial organisation for 22 years as an IT Director providing solutions for currency trading. He studied engineering and IT and today is privileged to introduce young people to the working environment who have an interest in learning skills in information technology. He enjoys educating and understanding how future generations can bring change and improvement to the way we live our lives today.</i>	

Name: DAVID KENT	
Type of Governor: Co-opted Governor	Governor Since: 01/09/1999
Responsibilities: Chair of HTPM panel, Behaviour/Wellbeing	Current Term: 18/05/2023 – 17/05/2027
<i>David has been a member of the Governing body since Sept 1999, initially as a Parent Governor and, after his children left the school, as a community Governor. David is very experienced in all aspects of the Governing Body's responsibilities and has been both vice-chair and chair for the Governing Body. David brings experience to New Scotland Hill Primary School from over 25 years working in the finance industry – he works full time as an IT consultant for IBM. David feels strongly that our children deserve the best education and will ensure that the Governing Body plays its part in making that happen.</i>	
Name: SCOTT KENWARD	
Type of Governor: Parent Governor	Governor Since: 22/09/2023
Responsibilities: Chair of Resources, Climate	Current Term: 22/09/2023 – 21/09/2027
<i>Scott was elected as Parent Governor in September 2023. Scott has a daughter who attends New Scotland Hill in Year 3 and a son in Reception. NSH will be part of Scott's family life for another 10 years in total during which time he would like to give something back to the school community. Scott has already witnessed the fantastic NSH spirit and learning environment that is offered by the brilliant staff at NSH, which inspired Scott to get involved and provide his support. He is keen to support the school, staff and pupils with the skills he has developed from his career, which includes 20 years in commercial banking & professional services working with UK businesses and entrepreneurs. Scott has lived locally for over 40 years and was educated at local primary and secondary schools. Scott holds two bachelor degrees in English/Economics & Financial Services and is passionate about helping future generations to access career opportunities in a fast-changing and increasingly digital world.</i>	
Name: MEGAN LOW	
Type of Governor: Local Authority Governor	Governor Since: 06/12/2022
Responsibilities: EYFS, Communications	Current Term: 06/12/2022 – 05/12/2026
<i>Megan has been a governor since December 2022. She works on a Department for Education funded project via the Careers and Enterprise Company, leading on the Enterprise M3 Careers Hub. This includes working with 115 secondary schools and closely aligning with Hampshire and Surrey County Council, whilst engaging 100s of local businesses. Her role includes taking on responsibility for strategic planning and supervising budgets that comes from the public purse, ensuring the most impact for local secondary students. She grew up in the area and attended Nine Mile Ride Primary School and The Emmbrook School. Her son currently attends New Scotland Hill School too.</i>	
Name: IRENE RIDGERS	
Type of Governor: Co-opted Governor	Governor Since: 25/04/2006
Responsibilities: Co-Chair, Safeguarding, HTPM panel member	Current Term: 18/05/2023 – 17/05/2027
<i>Irene has been a governor for a number of years, first as a parent governor and now a co-opted governor. Both of her sons, now adults, attended the school. Irene has served on all committees and is currently the vice-chair. She has been actively involved in the school</i>	

regularly and values the time spent with the children. Irene's background is in midwifery, currently in the role of the clinical specialist in infant feeding at Frimley Park Hospital. She is passionate that children should have the best education possible and develop a quest for life-long learning.

Name: **CHARLOTTE FARRELLY**

Type of Governor: **Staff Governor**

Governor Since: **19/09/2024**

Responsibilities: Enrichment

Current Term: **19/09/2024 - 18/09/2028**

Name: **MARK DODD**

Type of Governor: **Co-opted Governor**

Governor Since: **20/05/2025**

Responsibilities:

Current Term: **20/05/2025 - 19/05/2029**

Mark joined the governing body in May 2025 as a co-opted governor. He sits on the Resources committee where his passion for nature, wildlife and the outdoors are best utilised. Mark is the grounds and gardens manager at Wellington College where he has worked for the past ten years including looking after the nature reserve and heathland right outside our grounds. As well as being a governor with us, Mark is a trustee of areas of woodland for Crowthorne and Wokingham Without parish councils.

Name: **ALASTAIR SUMMERS**

Type of Governor: **Co-opted Governor**

Governor Since: **30/09/2025**

Responsibilities:

Current Term: **30/09/2025-29/09/2029**

Alastair is originally from the Falkland Islands where he was educated to GCSE level before undertaking A Levels in Winchester. He has lived permanently in the UK since 2001 and has a 21 year old son who is undertaking Mechanical Engineering at the University of Surrey. His partner attended New Scotland Hill as a child, and his daughter attended NSH nursery before starting Reception in September 2025. He has had a passion for aviation throughout his life, and is currently Deputy Head of Ground Operations for a large aviation services company with a global presence. Despite office based employment, he is a very practically skilled person and enjoys DIY, building, home improvement and woodwork. He is grateful to have a wonderful school so close by, where he knows his daughter will have the very best start to her education, and he is looking forward to giving something back to the school as a governor.